





PM vows to see off his critics

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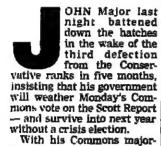
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ity reduced to a perillous two votes by Peter Thurnham's overnight rejection of the Tory whip, Mr Major was urged to stand firm by senior colleagues, led by his deputy, Michael Heseltine.

"I think it is disgraceful." "I have always expected to through to the spring of

joined Labour and Emma Nicholson joined the Liberal Democrats, faced criticism from colleagues and party ac-tivists. They said he had failed to find a safer seat on the "chicken run," a charge he called "rubbish." Mr Heseltine said: "You've

made a mistake." Mr Major told reporters: "I had a lengthy conversation with Peter and Sarah (his wife) last evening and we had a very friendly conversation ... and we were going to meet again next week. I don't quite know what happened after I finished my meeting."

As it emerged that Mr Thurnham had been wooed by the Liberal Democrats, in private talks and dinner with the chief whip, Archie Kirk wood, there was speculation - Bolton North East that he might be asked to be their candidate in Westmor-

Chief on Scottish safari finds uneasy head that wore the Xhosa crown



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1997 and I still expect to go through to the spring of 1997. Mr Major said as some littery Tory MPs predicted an Octo mistake." ber poll. "I would personally advise him to go right through." Mr Heseltine said.

While Labour dispatched a letter to every Conservative MP calling on them "to stand up for the rights of Parliament" in Monday's Scott vote, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown attacked what the Liberal Democrat leader called 'a government which never apologises and a prime minis-ter who never gets rid of any-one — until public opinion forces him".

Ministers gained some respite in the furore over the arms-to-Iraq controversy when the Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, became the most senior judge yet to intervene in support of the beleagured Attorney General. Sir Nicholas Lyell. Sir Thomas told BBC Radio

4's World at One that he thought Sir Richard's view on gagging orders, the controver-sial public interest immunity (PII) certificates, was "not one that all judges and practitioners would have shared". Ministers are taking comfort from the PII row among

legal experts. Mr Thurnham, the Bolton writes

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Political Editor

an interest free loan worth up

to £5.000 --- as an incentive to marriage and the strengthen-ing of family life, Peter Man-

delson MP says in his new

The left has shunned the

language of the family for a

generation and needs to make

t "a number one social prior-

ity", so that children can be

raised knowing right from wrong — and "a sense of mu-tual obligation is founded and

practised" - the Labour MP

for Hartlepool writes in the

book, called The Blair Revolu-

tion, which he co-wrote with ex-Liberal Democrat, Roger

Inside

Norman Critchley "You've made a

land, the seat he failed to get. Tory whips discount the theory: "He's not a Liberal Demcocrat." Mr Thurnham says his - Michael Heceltin

chief concern is Scott. "The more I read the Scott report, "John Major will need to the more appalled I am. The be careful he doesn't let Government is obviously too many Tory MPs have minded not to take any action an hour of his time." over Scott further than it needs to; and Monday's mo-- David Blunkett, shadow

education secretary tion is a technical one, which they'll try to wriggle round,"

ing with Mr Major, twisted the knife with challenges to ministers to accept more of Sir Richard's proposals and

prevent "such a debacle in the future". In an article for the Guard ian setting out the reasons for his resignation, the 57-yearwhat he called a "misconcep-tion" in its Interview with the old businessman accuses Mr Major of "starting to back-track quickly" over the Nolan report's recommendations on Master of the Rolls. He pointed out that Sir Richard agrees in his report that PI claims could be made in a criminal case. But they the disclosure of MPs' outside should be based on the coninterests.

"And now there is Scott. tents of particular documents. PII claims were made by Government ministers did their best to rubbish the Scott report before it had even been published. Once people did get a chance to read the report, it became clear it was ministers in the Matrix Chur chill case covering documents regardless of content, including "innocuous communica-tions between officials and bean absolute can of worms," he tween ministers and officials".

Mr Thurnham, the Bolton Mr The MP, whose decision to become an independent disgust after a private meet-comes after Alan Howarth Martin Kettle, pege 15; Peter Thurnham wittes, page 17

The book is being seralised in the Guardian today and

next week. Among its propos-als, which are an informal

young couples who lack "a flying financial start" from

either their parents or their

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ABLAIR government Ashould consider providing young couples with "a form of public dowry" in the shape of public dowry" in the shape of

Udisplays the skull that he found in a cottage in the says Mr Thurnham whose Highlands of Scotland nine quently mutilated by the Brooke. Mr Brooke had an is the king's may not be days after flying to British in 1835. The skull ancestor who may have watertight by severe forenstrongest concern is over the use of PII certificates in the Matrix Churchill trial. On this key point Christo pher Muttukumaru, the Scott inquiry secretary, last night asked the BBC to correct 'Scapegoat' doctor wins

> of £625,000 Angella Johnson and Clare Dyer

AHOSPITAL consultant mer Health Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, made him a scapegoat after a patient's death to deflect public attention from hed shortages, won £825,000 libel damages yester-

libel damages

day against a newspaper which branded him "Dr Dolittle". Anthony Percy, a consul-

tant orthopaedic surgeon at St Mary's hospital, in Sidcup, Kent, said he had been com-

pletely vindicated by the size of the award - the fifth highest by a libel jury - which has been condemned by some

hours to decide that a series of articles published by the Daily Mirror last March and April wrongly blamed Mr Percy for the death of Mal-

colm Murray, aged 45. But Charles Collier-Wright, legal manager of Mirror Group Newspapers, said he was extremely disturbed by the "completely absurd"

verdict. He added that the Court of Appeal in a recent judgment which slashed damages awarded to the pop star Elton John, had given a clear indi-cation of what judges could say in helping juries work out proper and sensible damages.

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor WO senior managers a a British Rail freight company have been sus-pended on the eve of its sale to an American firm. Two more managers are being in-

BR cash errors

rock sell-off

of the head of Hintsa, a Xhosa king shot and subse-

vestigated over errors involing up to £500,000. Labour's transport spokes-man, Brian Wilson, immedi-ately called for an inquiry into the matter, the fourth case of financial irregular ities to taint the Govern ment's controversial rail

privatisation **Transport Secretary Sir**

are under investigation over errors in freight contracts.

Mr Wilson, said last night "Suddenly the privatisation ethos in the railways seems to have transformed standards of behaviour. It must be fully established whether these events are related to plans for the sell-off." "In this case, the jurys Loadhaul was created — not availal Turn to page 3, column 1 with Mainline Freight and last night.

Transrail - out of BR's old Trainload Freight business to create competition. But the three were subsequently stitched back together when the Government said it would

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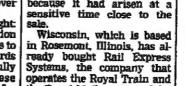
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be prepared to accept single bids for all three. The freight businesses are mainly involved with the

movement of coal, iron ore, steel and aggregates. Officials were stressing last night that the irregularities came to light during pre-sale audits of the business and would not impede the hand over of Loadhaul. Wisconsin had been made aware of the

irregularities and the investigation. A spokesman for British Rall said last night "Errors have been found in the accounts of Loadhaul and they have been corrected. The nec-

essary management action has been taken." A spokesman at Loadhaul, which mainly moves freight around Humberside, Teeside and North Yorkshire, said that the two suspended directors had been asked to step aside during the investigation because it had arisen at a sensitive time close to the



Systems, the company that operates the Royal Train and the Royal Mail, as part of the rail sell-off programme. It was

not available for comment



Gcaleka was clearly de-

PHOTOGRAPH JOHN PAU

lighted by his discovery.

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no one will have to sponsor her children

Little Shoringa is just six years old and the only life she's known is one of hunder, poverty and disease. But by the time she has children of her own, this could be a very rent slory

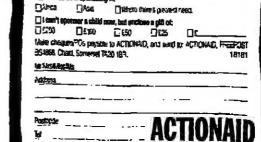
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be subject to two criteria, the couple's family financial circumstances and their marital commitment, the authors leader has not yet done so. party aides stressed last night

manifesto.

would make an enormous dif-ference at that stage of life. "One option that Labour page 13

grandparents. It could be called "Getting copies to Labour MPs, many of whom mistrust his role as a perceived bridge to Lib-Lab off to a good start", and would policies. Though the book has been read by Blair staff, the Labour

to a lump sum of, say. \$5,000

Biair's new Britain, Outlook,

suggest. However, they state that it could be extended to those who "for reasons of their own

reject the form of marriage". The authors argue: "Access

Mandelson urges state 'dowry' for couples might investigate would be the provision of medium term, deferred repayment, in-terest-free loans to young cou-

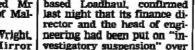
ples without access to capital of their own — in effect a form of public dowry, available just once in a lifetime."

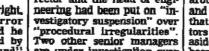
Mr Mandelson, who is the chairman of Labour's elections campaign committee and an influential adviser to Tony Blair, has offered free

It is not a ramp for Mr Blair's own ideas or his closet

lawyers. A High Court jury took six

ceremony today. But one, the Doncaster-based Loadhaul, confirmed





George Young will officially hand over BR's three freight companies to Wisconsin Cen tral Transportation's head. Ed Birkhardt, at a London

2 CHRONICLE/NEWS Sarajevo police charm offensive

Julian Borger In Vogosca

ZEMAL TABAK and Vojka Skipina had an extraordinary conversation on a Vogosca street corner yesterday. They asked after each other's health and talked about the weather. It was quite a step forward in the Bosnian peace process.

The commonplace exchange marked the first contact between a resident of the Serb suburbs of Sarajevo and the Bosnian Federation police who began patrolling Vogosca yesterday as part of the Day-

ton peace agreement. Officer Tabak, a Muslim, was one of 30 policemen who arrived in the northern Sara-jevo district just after dawn under Nato and United Nations police escort. A few dozen Serbs gaped as the signed to Vogo. green-uniformed police got off their bus and strolled into the trolled Sarajevo. neighbourbood. They stood on the pavement

nodding at passers-by, clasped their hands behind clasped their hands behind their backs, and occasionally directed some light traffic. The Serbs were unsure what to make of it. Their lead-ers had warned them they would be elsuphtaned when

would be slaughtered when Bosnian security forces moved in. Most had fied. Only a couple of thousand had

a couple of thousand had remained, out of penury, stubbornness or indecision. "I want to go and I want to stay," said Mrs Skipina, aged 59. "I had a row with my hus-band yesterday. He said we would be killed, and he left. But I didn't want to leave. It's But I didn't want to leave. It's the only house we've got, and all my books are there.'

Having chosen her library over her husband, she went out into the snow to face her new rulers. "If I was afraid, I

Midday today

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wouldn't be here in the first place," she said, and ap-proached Mr Tabak. "So you'll be staying here with us?" the policeman asked

"I'm not sure. I'll wait and see how things turn out." "It will be okay. You'll see The war is over. We can all live together again - Serbs. Muslims, Croats. We did be-fore the war," Mr Tabak said. He and his colleagues had

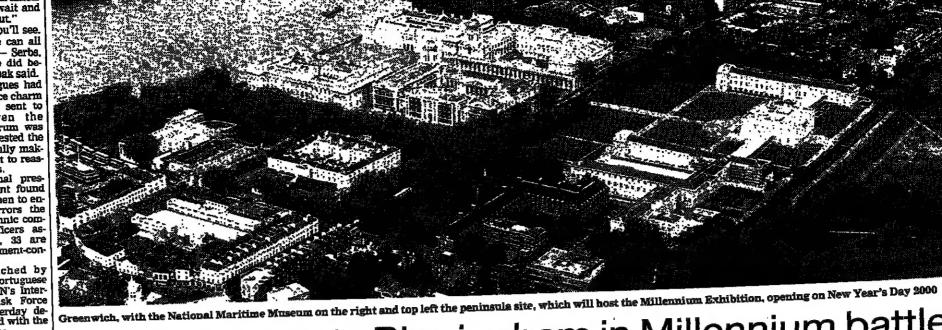
rie and his conseques had clearly been to a police charm school before being sent to Vogosca. But even the slightly forced decorum was encouraging. It suggested the government was finally mak-ing a sustained effort to reassure Sarajevo's Serbs.

Under international pres-sure, the government found enough Serb policemen to enenough sero poncement to en-sure the force mirrors the suburb's pre-war ethnic com-position. Of 85 officers as-signed to Vogosca, 33 are Serbs from government-con-trolled Saralevo.

Serbs from government-colled trolled Sarajevo. They were watched by Irish, Polish and Portuguese officers from the UN's Inter-national Police Task Force (IPTF), which yesterday de-clared itself satisfied with the Bosnian performance. The image of reconciliation was slightly marred by local Bosnian officials, who in triumphalist mood pulled down the Serb flag and replaced it with the Bosnian Republic's fleur-delys. The incoming officials — mainly Muslim — were furi-ous at finding the police station trashed by its Serb former occupants. In retalia-tion, they tried to evict the

tion, they tried to evict the outgoing Serb mayor, despite an agreement that the Serb local authorities should remain until March 19.

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Greenwich beats Birmingham in Millennium battle

Maey Kennedy Heritage Correspondent

said yesternay that the knot-ronment Secretary, John Gummer, had confirmed to him that the Millennium Commission had chosen Lon-don over the National Exhibi-tion Centre in Biominghem REENWICH has beaten Goff a challenge from the Millennium Exhibition in 2000 with a \$700 million protion Centre in Birmingham. The commission is chaired by the Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, and in-cludes the Deputy Prime Min-ister, Michael Heseltine, who posel involving a two-year ex-hibition with pavilions con-tributed by cities throughout the country, according to the

is known to have favoured a London site. Corporation of London. Michael Cassidy, policy

chairman for the corporation, said yesterday that the Envispokeswoman insisted yester-day that the final decision had not been made.

Reports that six cities will hold linked exhibition projects were also premature, she said. Once the main site is announced the festival pro-gramme will be decided, and gramme will be decided, and applications from the regions for grants invited. The leader of the Green-wich bid, Sir Bob Scott, was cautious. "The signs are that

our hats in the air third we hear it officially." Unofficially, the NEC has been preparing for the worst since the chosen operator, the design consultancy imagina-tion, which preferred the NEC site, was asked to draw up equally detailed plans for

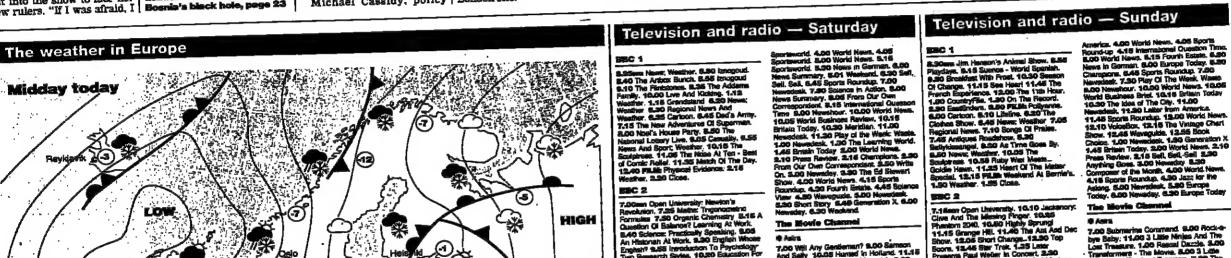
However a commission it is good news for Green exhibition, which is to open community. spokeswoman insisted yester wich, but we are not throwing on New Year's Day 2000, and fay that the final decision our hats in the air until we is expected to attract up to 30 angered Birry has been with the final decision our hats in the air until we will be been wi is expected to attract up to 30 million visitors. The value of the exhibition to Birmingham

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or London is calculated at £700 million. The NEC was prepared to invest 250 million in the pro-ject. When the London backers realised how close they had come to losing it, a massive effort, led by Mr Cas-sidy, was put into lining up support from the busine

The commission's decision angered Birmingham council. "It has been rigged," said the council leader, Theresa Stew-art. "All the balls in this par-ticular lottery were marked Greenwich."

Anne Underwood, the Tory group leader on the council, said: "It appears to confirm our worst fears that London was going to get it no matter how much better rival bids



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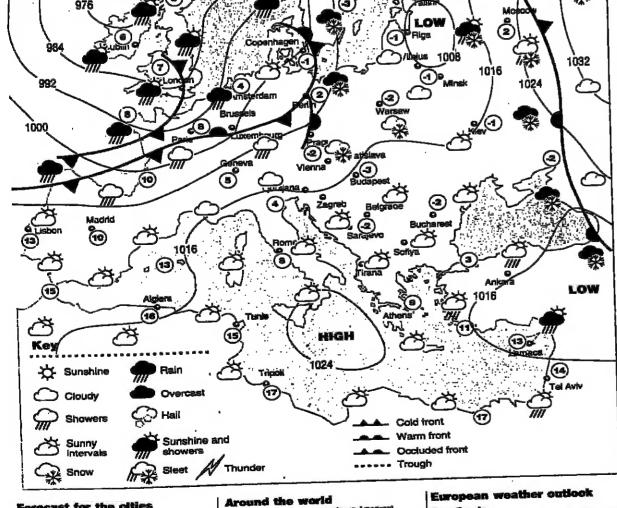
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Soundisavia Plenty of cloud and unsettled weather right across Scandinavia today with sleet and snow flurnes. Most of the snow is tikely over the hills of western Norway. Coastal and low lying regions of Norway and Denmark should have a slight thaw during the day. Max temp ranging from +3C on the west coast to -8C in the far north-east. Low Countries, Germany, Aestria, Scandbarvia Lew Countries, Germany, Astbia, Sufficientiads and the Low Countries will be overcast and raisty with outbreaks of rais. Other areas should have a lot of fine weather and just the odd shower. Milder than recently in most places. Max temp 2-SC. Frances Northern and western France will be cloudy and damp with spells of rain. The rest of France should be mainly dry with some sunshine in the south and south-east. Max temp 5-10C from north-east to Frances Spain and Portugal:

The north-east tip of Spain can expect cloud and rain this elternoon, but Portugal and the rest of Spain will be dry and bright with good sumy spalla and only harmless clouds. Max temp 10-15C from north to south. italy:

Hally: Largely fine and bright today with variable cloud amounts and some summy spells, although a few showers could break out in the south and east. May temp ranging from 6C in the north to 13C on the Mediterranean coast.

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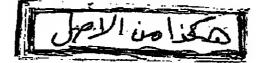
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Boxer Max Baer (right, sitting), pictured during Bloom's beyday in 1937, was one of many celebrities to eat at the restaurant

Fings ain't what they used to be as Bloom's shuts East End doors

Maggie O'Kane

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HE pickled cucumber and boiled fowl leg dishes that sustained ably came into Bloom's after-wards for hot salt beef. generations of eastern Euro-pean Jews in lifelong exile in Aumie Shapiro, a historian, who has published six books London ended yesterday as on the history of the the East Jonathan Tapper, the great grandson of Maurice Bloom, End, sees Bloom's closure as a sad day, but one that has been switched off the lights in Lon-don's oldest and most famous

a long time coming. "The Jewish population of the East End of London has Jewish restaurant. gone from over a 100,000 in the 1930s to around 6,000 now Bloom's restaurant, in Whitechapel on the eastern ige of the City, catered for and the ones that are left are the tastes of the Jewish immi-grants, who wanted to dine old or do not have the money to dine at Bloom's (about £15 out on calves foot jelly and

cold beetroot borscht. But now they have died out and the young are more enthused by Whitechapel Art Gallery's offering of vegetarian dishes tust a few doors up.

The loyal and not so loyal drifted by yesterday to pay their respects. Frank Lester, aged 70, first went to the rescall for deep fried potato bread and hot fruit cordials. taurant in the days when the dockers backed the Jews and together they blocked Oswald | It is the same for the turkey Mosley and his fascists from | schnitzel, once the traditional

Jonathan Tapper at the door PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK MARTH marching through the East | after-dinner bite for the End in October 1936. Zionist battling with the "They shall not pass," was first coined by men who prob-bly men who prob-Corner just outside Bloom's

restaurant. Bloom's never claimed to be a pretty diner. The tables were blue formica, the lighting neon and the waiters stroppy, their tempers frayed by a system that forced them

to pay for the customer's meal first out of their own pocket and then be reimbursed The waiters were also paid by the plate - dinner by commission, so the customer were never encouraged to linger long over their orange

sorbet. The former diners who 30 years, thought things had got a bit slack. "The salted beef sandwiches weren't what they used to be."

Then there was the vezed question of whether all the koshered beef was always kosher. The Beth Din in Lon-

don, the Jewish court, de-cided in Janaury that the licence to sell kosher meat. handed down from father to son Bloom, should be handed back to Bloom senior. The ruling came after worrying

reports reached their ears that things at the butchers were not all the rabbi might have wished for.

"The orthodox people were very upset about that. They're very particular about that kind of thing," said Mr Lester, who buys and sells on Petticoat Lane

Over the last 10 years, the clients came from the City of-fices rather than the syna-

> "It sounds cliched to say but Bloom's really had a unique atmosphere. I don't mean that it was like some thing out of an Egon Ronay guide, with tudor beams — it wasn't like that but it was special," said a 42-year-old ournalist who had just heard

the news that Bloom's had closed. "I used to go there for lockshen soup. close to tears.



NEWS 3 Troops back on streets of Belfast

David Sharrock and Sue Quinn

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some patrols have continued along the border. The RUC described the return of army as-ROOPS were put back on the streets of Bel-fast for the first time sistance to some areas as low-key, local security

in almost a year yes-terday as political efforts to patrols to protect bases". It added: "Such a measure revive the peace process con-tinued in the shadow of the remains under continuous review and is purely a prudent precautionary move." The Democratic Unionist increased security threat. Sixteen soldiers of the

Party's deputy leader, Peter King's Own Scottish Borderers, accompanying four police officers, began the first patrol Rohinson, welcomed their return, "The IRA have effec-tively called the troops back at 4.10pm in the vicinity of Oldpark RUC station in the into Northern Ireland. It has

Earlier bomb specialists were called to another police station to deal with a suspect in January last year and by March they had disappeared from public view. But some patrols have continued along the border. The RUC dedevice, which was declared safe. Troops also provided cover to police in one other scribed the return of army assistance to some areas as

"low-key, local security pat-rols to protect bases". It added: "Such a measure In London, anti-terrorist branch officers yesterday said they had discovered a "sub-stantial quantity" of bombremains under continuous making equipment at the south London home of IRA review and is purely a prudent precautionary move. bus bomber Edward O'Brien. The Democratic Unionist

Police said the inumediate area around George Lane, Party's deputy leader Peter Robinson welcomed their return "The IRA have effec-tively called the troops back Lewisham, was evacuated while an undisclosed quantity of material was removed for scientific analysis. Last night, into Northern Ireland It has been their choice." But the deputy leader of the

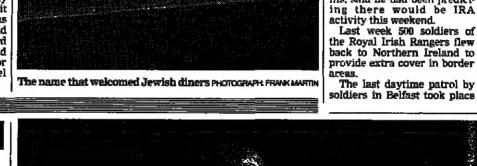
the thoroughfare remained closed to traffic and nationalist SDLP, Seamus Mallon, was concerned about the impact on community relations, calling the move The Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, s understood to have briefed remature.

Meanwhile, a member of MPs on Thursday evening of the dangers of IRA attacks the Mitchell Commission on during the weekend. Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Tory backbench Northillegal weapons said yester day that the IRA must call an immediate ceasefire before ern Ireland committee, said he believed this weekend was Sinn Fem could expect to enter all-party talks. Cana-"particularly sensitive". He added: "I don't think the troops would be back unless dian General Sir John de Chastelain told BBC North-ern Ireland: "The ceasefire they feared some sort of

really has to be put back into olace first. The Ulster Unionist secu-Amid the growing expectarity spokesman, Ken Magintion that a new package of proposals to revive the peace nis, said he had been predict-ing there would be IRA process will be revealed early next week, Downing Street said that John Major spoke by telephone to President Clinton and the Irish prime minis

provide extra cover in border ter, John Bruton. The last daytime patrol by Irish question may need US soldiers in Belfast took place answer, page 7

came yesterday murmured disappointment but with no grave sense of injustice. Mr you'd never get a stall on Petticoat Lane - now it's full of empty lots." The Jewish drapers of Petti-coat Lane and Brick Lane ester, having dined there for have been replaced by Asian traders and there is not much



Erlend Clouston

until yesterday to the family | dain and the rigours of the | more than 130 years, was of the Sutherland estate | British climate, which forced | pleased to confirm that the

for a three course dinner). "The whole area has gone down over the last 20 years. In the sixties and seventies

Xhosa chief finds Highland skull

and by March they had disap peared from public view. But

HIEF Nicholas Gcaleka's intrepid Scottish safari may have se-cured its unlikely tropby. Nine days after the tradi-tional bealer flew into Britain on the trail of an extravagant ece of war booty, he found it, or something very like it. glinting on a shelf in the living room of a Highland cottage. The evidence might not preciate being called a witchcottage. The evidence might not

have satisfied a Nuremberg prosecutor, but the 46-year-old South African was confidently declaring last night that he had at last located the head of Hintsa, a Xhosa king shot and subsequently muti-lated by the British in 1635.

The skull, now sitting in a

him to supplement his leop-ard-skin smock with a pair of found overlooked a field that owner Charles Brooke. He had an ancestor in the Seaforth Highlanders who may have fought in South Africa. The skull was dug up on the brown corduroy trousers.

"I woke up today singing and jumping with joy because I knew this was going to be the day the dream brought by the spirits came true." Chief Gcaleka, whose exotic treasure hunt has been en-dorsed by the South African estate 60 years ago. It did have a bullet exit wound — though it was close to the left ear rather than the top of the skull indicated by the official army autopsy on the shooting

president. Nelson Mandela had suspected that the head was on display in the military museum at Fort George. near Inverness.

doctor — has no reservations. After consulting his spirits, one of whom is called Hurri-His spirit-advisers revised their view last weekend, steering the president of the cane, he pronounced the end of his quest and the intention to seek the skull's immediate extradition. Eastern Cape's medicine men somewhat vaguely towards "a

field with a pony". Mr Brooke, whose family has run the 14,000-acre Mid "I have never been so happy in all my life," said the former off-licencee, who has protective box in an inver- former off-licencee, who has has run the 14,000-acre Mid claim to Hintsa's c ness hotel room, belonged had to brave both army dis Fearn estate, near Ardgay, for 5.5 million subjects.

once contained two white ponies. The army, which has admit-The army, which has admit-ted cutting off Hintsa's ears but not his head, reacted with cautious magnanimity last night. "If it is the genuine article, we're more than happy for him," said Captain Frank Ward of Scruberg NO

Frank Ward of Scotland HQ. "We hope he goes home and achieves everything he hopes to achieve." Chief Gcaleka flies out on

March 5 with two ambitions: to reunite Hintsa's headless corpse with the Highland skull, and to secure his second bride, a member of the Xhosa royal family. This will make it

easier for him to press his claim to Hintsa's crown and

Doctor wins £625,000 libel award

Top five awards

article in Yachting World which attacked their revolutionary imma

Mr Percy's 1625,000.

continued from page 1 were given almost no help at all." said Mr Collier-Wright. The company is to appeal against the verdict and the amount of damages. The veteran libel solicitor Peter Carter-Ruck expressed suprised at the size of the award "in view of the guid-ance that has been given by the Court of Appeal and the right the court now has to in-dicate [figures]".

dicate [figures]". In yesterday's case the judge, Mr Justice French, did not suggest sums to the jury but told them only to keep their feet on the ground. David Hooper, another lead-ing libel solicitor, estimated the sum was "at least three times too high". The verdict will unaoubt-

edly embarrass Mrs Bortom ley, now the Heritage Secre-tary, who was subpoenaed to defend herself in the witness

box last week. Mr Murray died at Leeds general infirmary last March after suffering a severe brain injury. He had been flown 200 miles from Queen Mary's be-cause a neurosurgical inten-sive care bed could not be found for him in the Souththere like a shot.

found for him in the South-east. Mr Percy, aged 55, from Bickley, Kent, claimed that he was guilty of gross dereliction of duty and should be sus-pended for giving advice from home by telephone rather the article and the suitable bed for the patient. He cail the bed for the patient the advice from the south-the articles and the suitable bed for the patient the advice from the south the suitable bed for the patient the advice from the south the suitable bed for the patient the advice from the south the suitable bed for the patient the south the sou was guilty of gross dereliction of duty and should be sushome by telephone rather than going to the hospital when Mr Murray was brought in.

"The purpose of bringing the case was to clear my name tion from health cuts. and restore my good reputation as a man and a caring doctor." he said afterwards.



Anthony Percy and his wife, Diane PHOTOGRAPH JEFF GLBER

Mr Percy, who brought the case with the financial sup-South Thames Regional Health Authority report, which criticised Mr Percy for port from the Medical Protection Society, said that he was never asked to attend the hosgiving advice to a junior docpital the night Mr Murray was brought in. If he had been, he would have been tor from home by phone rather than going into the

hospital. Mr Percy's counsel, Charles Gray QC, alleged that Mrs Bottomley called in a memo for Mr Percy's role to be "flagged up" after being told that he was to be censured. Mrs Bottomley, who spent

21/2 hours in the witness box, dismissed the charge that she had made Mr Percy a sacrifi-cial lamb as "complete He said he had been set up to be the scapegont and politi-cal football by Mrs Bottomley and senior NHS officials any nonsense George Carman, for the ious to detract media atten-

newspaper, told the jury that Mr Percy had made the "most that it had written a fair and ull-founded criticism" of the estimated at about 2500,000

accurate account of a leaked | honesty and integrity of those within the NHS. But Mr Percy said yester-day: "I knew I was being scapegoated by a number of people. I knew it was happening and it was unfair.

Mr Percy, who has been a consultant at Queen Mary's since 1977, complained that there was still a problem about the shortage of neuro-surgical and intensive care

He called for a central refer ence point for these beds to be set up in London so that seriously ill patients could be found a place with one phone call

Mirror Group was granted a stay on payment of all but 250,000 of the award pending The Daily Mirror claimed outrageous, irresponsible and) on appeal. It faces a costs hill

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Inquest told of deaths of Gloucester builder's first wife and lover **Police track down three** of missing West women

inally charged with 12 mur-ders, including those of Cath-erine West and Anne McFall. After he was found hanging in his Birmingham prison cell on New Year's Day last year, all charges were for-

mally dropped. His wife, Rosemary, was convicted on 10 charges of murder last November. An appeal against conviction is due to be heard next month. The dismembered remains of both Catherine West and Anne McFall were uncovered Anne MCFall were uncovered in police digs in adjoining cornfields at Kempley. Gloucestershire, in the sum-mer of 1994. The remains of Anne McFall's unborn baby "Fred has killed that young were found alongside her

"Fred has killed that young girl and buried her in Kem-pley Woods." It was not reported to the police and Mrs West died six months later. The Gloucester coroner, David Gibbons, was presiding over the resumed inquests into the deaths of Fred West's first wife, Catherine "Rena" skeleton. Mr Bennett told the coroner that in police interviews the builder admitted strangling Catherine, but repeatedly de-nied involvement in Anne's murder. He signed a hand-written note admitting killing Catherine and nine others. Catherine and nine others.

first wife, Catherine "Rena" West, aged 25, and ber friend and babysitter, Anne McFall, The coroner returned ver-dicts of unlawful killing for both women, and expres aged 18, who was born in Glasgow and was West's his sympathy to their relatives lover. West, aged 53, was orig-

Sally Weale

The sands on the Spurn peninsula have been vulnerable to dramatic but predictable shifts since Roman times Technology thwarts tides North Sea through road Losi Roman coastilin Old Area flooded Break of 200 metres

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will guarantee access to the lifeboat and pilot stations at the head of the slender Yorkshire peninsula, following a meeting in Hull yesterday of naturalists. lifeboat authorities and

local councils. The fragile finger of land which hooks down into the Humber estuary from the miles westwards beyond plain of Holderness will be the drowned medieval left to its natural devices. but linked to the mainland

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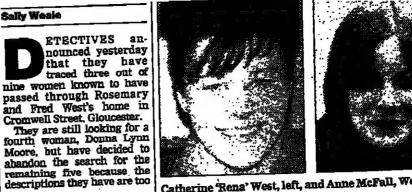
HE wandering sands of i to come has won general The wandering sands of Spurn are set to embark on their latest travels in the North Sea, after multi-ble breaches by a combina-tion of force nine gales and spring tides. said Peter Pearson, chair-man of the Yorkshire Wildlong point. The conference in Hull was called after warnings

that growing ferry and freighter traffic from the Humber ports needed the pilotage and lifeboat services based at Spurn. Spurn has moved in dra-matic but predictable ways

since Roman times, when the coast lay more than two towns of Ravenspurn and Ravenser Odd.

Studies have repeatedly shown that the washing of eroded sand and debris by a novel system of flexi-ble roadway which will move along will from the Holderness coast and shingle spit. "We are delighted that such an imaginative solu-such tion which will allow us after breaches by gales and flexibility for many years | the tide.

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Catherine 'Rena' West, left, and Anne McFall, West's lover

vague. Detective Superintendent John Bennett, who headed the The three women who have | told an unnamed friend: The three women who have been traced do not want to be fully identified, but police named them as: Marilyn, in her late 30s in 1973 and thought to come from Matson. Gloucester: Mireeker, a Dutch girl in her 20s in 1977; and another Marilyn, aged 18 or 19 in 1973 and believed to be from the Forest of Dean. The news came as Mr Ben-nett told an inquest that Fred West's mother, Daisy, be-lieved her son killed his teen-age lover years before his eventual arrest. In 1967 she West inquiry, said yesterday: "There was and still remains no reason to think that any harm has befallen these women. We only wanted to trace them to help our Donna Moore is described as 5ft 3ins to 5ft 5ins tall, of

as 5ft 3ins to 5ft 5ins tai, of slim build, with a pretty face, and having long fair hair. She spoke with an American ac-cent and her father is be-lieved to have been a service-man at a USAF base in East Anglia.

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Weish lessons for columnist turned Tory candidate

Martin Linton

BORIS JOHNSON had his first Welsh lesson yester-day as part of his transforma-tion from hell-raising That-cherite columnist of the Daily Telegraph to prospective Con-Telegraph to prospective Conservative parliamentary can-didate for Clwyd South. Mr Johnson, who landed

the nomination this week. had only mastered two phrases so far — "iechyd da" and nos da". "cheers" and "goodnight" — but insisted that he would soon be chat-ting fluently to the 40 per cent of voters who speak Welsh in the south of the seat. Even that is unlikely to do Even that is unlikely to do him much good in a seat that is currently held by Labour

on a 4.941 majority. Nor is it likely to go down well in Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant and Gwyddelwern.

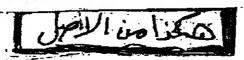
Mochnant and Gwyddelwern, when they read some of the things he has had to say about Wales in his column. For example, the time in December 1994 when he sprang to the defence of Rod Richards MP, who said of Welsh Labour councillors: "They're short, they're fat, they're short, they're fundamentally corrupt." "While [Mr Richards'] views may be exceedingly views may be exceedingly rude," wrote Mr Johnson, "... he could argue that, dash it, there is a poetic truth contained therein".

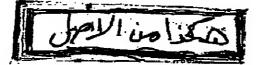
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Parents confused over nursery vouchers plan

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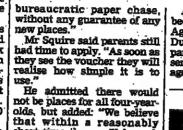
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THIRD of parents eli-Apply. the Government admit-ted yesterday as it have gible for nursery ted yesterday as it began mailing them to families in four pilot areas. Many parents have thrown

away their application forms as their children are already in nursery classes, not realis-ing they still have to apply under the voucher system. Robin Squire, the schools minister, rejected claims that the system of using the \$1,100 vouchers. was too bureau-cratic. But further confusion was introduced yesterday with another rule change. In a parliamentary answer Mr Squire said it was up to local authorities to decide whether to handle the voucher paperwork or leave it to schoo

David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, said money would be clawed back from local authorities, then from local autoornes, used given to a management com-pany to distribute to parents - who would then hand it back to the authorities. Paperwork would cost £290 per child. "This will be nothing more



short time there will be an than an expensive and versal provision."

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company. administering the scheme, which for-warded details to HMSO at Chadderton, near Manchester, where the vouchers are printed. The first batch of 6,200 went out yesterday.

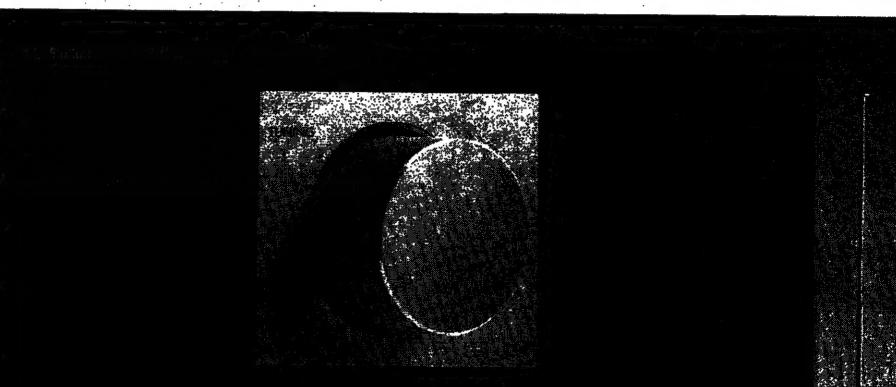
Vouchers are being issued in four pilot authorities Norfolk and the London boroughs of Wandsworth, Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea. The initiative is to be extended nationwide next year to fulfil John Ma-jor's pledge to provide nurs-ery education for all fourr-olds.

Ministers insist the scheme would not harm provision for younger children, but West-minster council said yesterday it was reviewing funding and places for three-year-olds. The borough estimates it will have a shortfall of 1,500 places for four-year-olds in April, and is struggling to increase provision in collaboration with voluntary play groups

and private nurser But Labour claims more than 133,000 places for three-year-olds now provided by local authorities are being put at risk



Roll call . . . Schools minister Robin Squire inspecting the first nursery vouchers coming off the presses PHOTOGRAPH ROB HOWA





James Meikk **Community Affairs Editor**

EA claimed its place among the altimate de-signer drinks yesterday, as leading tea bag makers insisted that bags represent the shape of things to come. Tetley, inventor of the round bag, teased away some of the publicity from

PG Tips' new pyramid

Pyramid power . . . PG Tips chimp launches new bag together, squeeze all excess liquid out of the beg." Plans for a British launch

have to be finalised, but Tetley, which added 25 per cent to sales when it started selling the round bag in 1989, welcomed the compe-tition from the pyramid. "It

is good for the market," said Mr Pruiton. But PG Tips; famous for its 40-year-old thimpanzee

Application forms have been sent by the Child Benefit Agency in Washington, Co Durham, to 14,400 eligible parents. About 70 per cent sent them in to Capita Managed Services, the London

that it would soon intro-duce Britain to the non-drip bag. And as both com-panies chortled about no longer being square, the battle for husiness became brand managar longer being square, the battle for business became a matter of taste.

Tetley's no-mess draw string bag, on trial in Aus-tralia, "means you'll be able to lift the bag from your cup without spilling it all over your desk", said Ian Prot-

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ton, director of worldwide business development. "It has two strings with tags which, when pulled

Britain's greatest

defence is now

under severe attack

brand manager. The pyramid bag will be launched in April. "Tests

proved that the tetrahedral tea bag comes closer to allowing the tea to brew like loose tea in a teapot than any other bag," says

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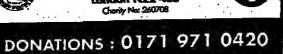
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Chirac mutilates the armourers of Bourges

A presidential insistence that the British way is best comes hard to the men who make parts for France's tanks and missiles, writes Alex Duval Smith

Sands. So he does not take very kindly to President Jacques Chirac's latest bout of Anglophilia.

Chirac keeps telling us that we must model our de-fence on Britain's." he said. That basically means going down the Thatcherite route of privatisation and massive job osses. Soon he'll be telling us to drive on the left."

The only change of direc-tion Mr Ruelle can foresee for himself and the other 1,400 staff at Giat Industries in Bourges is a quick march to the job centre. At the age of over 40, and after 30 years of service, he does not relish the prospect.

Giat's employees in Bourges, one of the compa-

Their 'dead citv' gesture was

intended to

illustrate the

region's future

nv's 14 manufacturing bases in France, make barrels for the army's Leclerc battle tanks. In these rapid-deployment times, tanks are out of fashion, at least the 52-ton va-riety, which hardly any cargo

aeroplane can carry. President Chirac made that quite clear on Thursday night when he went live on French television to outline what will undoubtedly be the toughest policy initiative in his seven-year term. His complete over-haul of French defence affects 300,000 civilians and 600,000 military personnel.

In Bourges, where one in two jobs depends on defence, it was thoroughly bad news. President Chirac intends to abolish conscription in six years' time and create a career array, equipped to de-ploy rapidly "like Great Brit-ain's". He will virtually halve the number of ground troops, the ones that use tanks.

EGIS RUELLE sent Mr Ruelle, who started as a food parcels to machine tool worker and is striking British now the full-time representaminers and tele- tive at Giat for the commugrams to Bobby nist-inclined CGT union, said: "He's doing this for Europe, forgetting France's territorial interests and ignoring a republican tradition in which arms are not just another commodity subject to market forces.

He is not being utopian, at least not by the standards of Bourges. Here, most of the streets are named after Napo-leon II's generals: the em-peror made Bourges a defence capital after France lost Alsace-Lorraine to the Prus-sians in 1871 and it was expe-dient to re-locate the dient to re-locate armaments industry.

The present population in-cludes 5,000 troops. Four thousand civilians work for Giat or make missiles at Aér-ospatiale. Others staff the hitech ETBS factory, which

tests army equipment. On Wednesday the shops in the two main streets closed their shutters or turned off their lights for two hours as a mark of solidarity. Their ville mark of solidarity. Their outle morte [dead city] gesture was intended to illustrate the future face of a region that employs 12,000 in the defence industry. Yesterday no shopkeeper was willing to believe the poy-

was willing to believe the gov-ernment's promise that no jobs would be lost. Most agreed with the Socialist Party's estimate of up to 60,000 losses nationally. "In a few years' time

Bourges will be as much of a desert as northern France became when they closed down the steel companies in the 1980s," said Merric Le Minoux, owner of the Victor Hugo brasserie. At the Giat canteen on the

southern outskirts the work-ers were resigned. "There is

ers were resigned. "Intere is nothing to say. We're just go-ing to save up the pennies while the going is good," said Christophe Roffano, aged 26, a research worker. Gerard Boyer, aged 47, a shop-floor worker, said: and whose mediaeval centre

"There is very little private draws tourists, has managed industry here, and most of to produce an idea for that is doing subcontracted creating new long-term work for the defence compa-nies. There is the Michelin employment. "Perhaps we could make



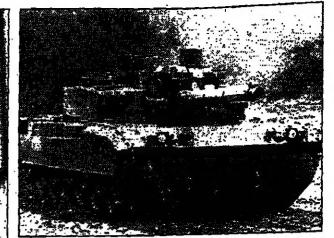
Bad news ... The peace of Bourges' old quarter is shattered by Chirac's defence cuts bombshell PHOTOGRAPHS: RAY ROBERTS

halved their staff in the last ski-lifts," a production three years." three years." No one in Bourges, which He and others are profound ly disappointed with the city's deputy and mayor. Serge Le-peletier of Mr Chirac's Rally for the Republic party voted for the government's reduced defence budget in November. But the resignation reflects an understanding that Mr

yre factory, but they have | tourist coaches or chairs for | Chirac does not have much | new European defence strucchoice: French defence has not been adapted to the postture which Chirac does not want to fight. cold war era and the export "Under it, Germany will market has slumped make tanks, Britain will make munitions and France

Mr Ruellé said: "The only market left is the Middle East. will provide its nuclear deterrent . and . surveillance. We have sold 436 Leclerc tanks to the United Arab Emirates, which means they There will be no room for our. tank barrels, or for the century of know-how Bourges has accumulated." will have more of them than France. But we are part of a

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The Leclerc battle tank that faces its last battle

PM rejects EU defence role

David Fairhail Defence Correspondent

Dutting Brussels in fence would sacrifice real security beeds to "insti-intional tidiness and the illu-sion of progress", John Major declared yesterday. In a speech evidently calcu-lated to reassure Conserva-tive Euro-scentics without un-

tive Euro-sceptics without unduly alarming Britain's allies the Prime Minister spelt out the strict limits to which his Government was prepared to see the European Union take control of defence policy and operations. The EU could make an essential contribu-tion to regional security "in the non-military field", he told Western European Union MPs in London. But giving it military responsibilities would do nothing to enhance

Mr Major was addressing a special assembly called to discuss the EU's inter-governmental conference which starts next month, where the determination of some govarmments to give Brussels direct responsibility for defence will be among the most contentious issues. Some had argued that the conference should take the first steps towards an eventual mercer of the EU and the WEU, has this was "a recipe not for more action, but less".

Giving the EU military res-

ponsibilities for which it was not equipped would impede the extension of security east-wards, create a new obstacle to the accession of central European states and margin-alise Nato allies which were not involved.

By contrast, Britain in-tended to use its WEU presidency to make it an effective instrument for planning and controlling military opera-tions for which Nato was not appropriate — because they did not involve the United States, he said.

Ministers had agreed four years ago to prepare the WEU for peacekeeping, humanitarfor peakerceping, numerical ian relief operations and cri-sis management. "Our objec-tive is that, by the end of the year, the WEU should be ready to perform a good num-ber of these", the Prime Min-luton added Ister added.

The tension over the issue of European military integration reached a peak after last year's rabble-rousing Tory year's rabble-rousing Tory party conference speech by the Defence Secretary. Michael Portillo, when he told delegates that brave Brit-ish soldiers would never give their lives "for Brussels". Since then Anglo-American suspicions that the develop-ment of European military institutions like the Eurocorps would weaken Nato have heen allayed by further French moves to reintegrate with the transatlantic

alliance.

Divorce adds to Saddam drama

David Hirst in Beirut

RESIDENT Saddam Hussein's two eldest daughters have divorced their defector-husbands who returned to Iraq this week, Baghdad television announced yesterday in the lat-est turn in the bizarre and bewildering Saddam family ด้านกาม.

It is the first time that the official Iraqi media have even so much as mentioned that Raghad and Rana had left for Jordan last August with their fugitive husbands – Lieuten-ant-General Hussein Kamel al-Majid and his cousin Sad-dam Kamel al-Majid, President Saddam wanted no reminder of defections that were a special dishonour and humiliation.

has been a political coup for | had now broken with them | of Mr Saddam's tempestuous Mr Saddam. But clearly he | because of their "betrayal of | elder son, Udai. Ominously, it has decided that he must their country and the noble cleanse his personal honour, too. Hence the divorces. value of their family". Their public repudiation It is assumed that his two former henchmen. branded as

'traitors'' and "apostates" after they fied, got guarantees of their personal safety before they returned from Amman

to Bashdad. But the public repudiation by their wives augurs ill for them. probably murdered. According to the television

reinforces the question every-one has been asking; what in-duced Lieut-Gen Majid to go back, and how did he get others of his entourage to go along? Official statements about their likely fate have not been

reassuring. The Revolu-"Before long," said an Iraqi tionary Command Council ap-exile, "we shall hear about a proved "their application for mysterious accident like the a pardon": a spokesman said helicopter crash that killed they would be treated as "or-Aduan Khairaliah" — a dinary citizens". But any or-Advan Khairallah" — a dinary citizens". But any or-cousin of Saddam and former dinary citizen who did what defence minister who was they did faces certain execution.

Lieut-Gen Majid - for-

to protection

paper al-Hayat, he spent his last days in his palace in Amman "cursing everyone around him, shouting down the trievent in the trievent is the trievent in the trievent is and making programmes — is said origi-contradictory statements to maily to have field because he is press reflecting a loss of the trievent in the trievent in the trievent is and making contradictory statements to maily to have field because he is repentance in the time of their flight. They feared for his life at the hands is mental balance".

elder son, Udai, Ominously, it

was Udai who headed the

'reception" committee for the returning penitents, and it

sisters had "requested and ob-tained their divorce"...

The favourite explanation for Lieut-Gen Majid's deci-sion to go home is that he had

reached a state of despair, if

not complete breakdown, because of his failure to win any

support outside Iraq for his bid to "replace" Saddam, Ac-

cording to the London news-

News in brief

US official held as 'Soviet spy'

A FORMER employee of the highly secret United States National Security Agency was arrested yes terday on charges of spying for the Soviet Union in the mid-1960s, justice depart-ment officials said.

"This is not an Ames case by any means." an FBI offi-cial said, dismissing comparisons with the spy scandal involving the former CIA official Aldrich Ames.

The officials said Robert Lipka, aged 50, who worked at the NSA in 1964-67 on secret intelligence commupications, was arrested in Pennsylvania. - Reuter.

Women who have been raped, suffered sexual violence or threw out charges of extortion fear female circumcision are and abuse of office against Mr entitled to refugee status if Di Pietro. they leave their country. the Lethal injection UN declared yesterday. The UN High Commis-The "Freeway Killer" became California's first inmate exesioner for Refugees urged more countries to follow Cancuted by injection yesterday. ada and the United States in William Bonin, aged 49, was drafting guidelines recognis-ing a woman's right to protecput to death for murdering 14 boys and young men and dumping their bodies on hightion against "gender-based persecution". -- Reuter. ways. - AP. **Di Pietro wooed** Bahrain unrest

Suspected Shi'ite anti-govern-Politicians of different perment protesters in Bahrain suasions from the former neofascists to the ex-Communists set a bank on fire, blocked a yesterday set about trying to main highway and exploded lure the popular former proseing as cylinders on Thursday

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It will not be enough to tell the children that everyone

salvage team were working against difficult weather.

They will see the dead and dying birds; they will miss

on the ship worked hard to save it, nor that the

Women's right | cutor, Antonio Di Pietro, into | night but residents said yes-their ranks for Italy's April 21 | terday the violence hed scaled their ranks for Italy's April 21 general election, John Hooper in Rome writes. Their efforts came a day after a judge down, - Reuter. Fire investigation The mayor of Venice and the superintendent of the La Fenice opera house are being in-vestigated for the fire that gutted the city's landmark last month. The case could centre on whether enough fire prevention measures were

aken. - AP. China clampdown China has blamed Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, for unrest in the Hima-

ayan region in recent years and vowed to close politically problematic lamaseries and jail separatist monks and nuns, the official Tibet Daily reported yesterday. -- Reuter



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FOCUS: MAKING PEACE 7

In the wake of the end of the IRA ceasefire, Guardian writers look abroad for hope of a settlement in Northern Ireland

Irish question may need US answer



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With the peace process stalled. Washington could hold the key to progress as Clinton seeks to safeguard one of his proudest foreign policy achievements.

Below Jonathan Freedland examines the influence of Irish

America on White House policy DW all they can do (Air Force One, speaking to swait, along with each for five to ten minutes. Those who know Mr Clin.

the next few days, perhaps weeks. Irish America is sitting tight as President Clinton weighs his next move in the peace process he has all but called his own. The question has boiled down to this: will he or won't he?

At its narrowest, will Mr Clinton renew the US entry visa of the Sinn Fein leader. Gerry Adams? Will he do it by March 17, so that Mr Adams can walk in one of the many St Patrick's Day parade? Will Mr Clinton grant the visa, but, as a punishment for the ondon bombings and the end of the IRA ceasefire, reimpose the ban on Sinn Fein fund-raising in the US?

The timing is critical be-cause the lead up to what Americans call St Paddy's Day is boom time for Irsh fund-raising. A million dol-lars has reportedly been shipped from the US to Sinn Fein already. But March 17 has an extra signifance. In York and across America it is more than an Irish day out - it's a national rite of spring. Gerry Adams knows that goodwill for his cause is never greater than on

that day. There is, though, a larger question: will Bill Clinton stay the course, or walk away from Northern Ireland?

The answer matters because, in a world where international conflicts appear to need external pressure before they can be resolved, Mr Clin-

sure which pushed Mr Clin-ton to weigh in in the first place, subsequently lobbying him on the Adams visa and ton has been the outsider who has brought movement to Northern Ireland. His ene-mies and his friends agree, he Sinn Fein fundraising. As has been more engaged in the with all things Clinton, there

ton say he will stay involved since he now has a direct stake in peace in northern Ireland. The political reasons have been rehearsed often: there are 44 million US voters claiming Irish lineage of whom perhaps two million feel their identity ke oly, the 17-month ceasefire was one of the brightest points in a patchy foreign policy record; last year's visit to Belfast and

tion campaign). For those reasons alone, Mr Clinton cannot afford to have the

is under no political pressure to abandon Northern Ireland. There is no pro-British vote in the US, and few Republicans have seen any political profit in an end to a ceasefire which everyone wanted to work. Remarkably even now there is no domestic pressure on Mr Clinton to desert his new po-litical ally Gerry Adams.

But the crucial point is that there is a very powerful polit-ical and economic force working to ensure Mr Clinton

stays involved: Irish Amer-ica. Indeed, some say the real outside agent in the battle for Northern Ireland has been a team effort by the US govern-

community. It was Irish-American pres

Dublin was, by consensus, the highlight of the Clinton presidency (the footage was just waiting to be converted into TV ads for November's elec-

peace process go into reverse. What's more, the president

ment and the country's Irish



It's good to talk . . . On his visit to Belfast last year President Clinton shakes the hand of Gerry Adams, an action which John Major said would turn his stomach. Elsewhere in the world, the conflict in South Africa (top), the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina (middle) and the Zapatista uprising in Mexico have all shown themselves amenable to negotiation

"He feels the Irish were governme there for him early," says Niall O'Dowd, publisher of waxed an the Irish Voice, and a key liaison between the administration and the community. What is remarkable is not that a US president is repay-ing a political debt to Irish-Americans, but that he is

concern for Ireland has waxed and waned. Of course the first wave of immigrants were obsessed by the old country: a band of Fenians attempted to invade British-held Canada in 1866 and 1870 in the hope that London would hand over Ireland

But later generations lost interest, as they set about making their way in America. The legendary Irish polit-ical machines in Boston and their roots New York were preoccupie with gaining local influence and jobs - not on foreign pol anti-Catholic bigotry, they that's when you become interworked hard to become unhy-

was OK to be Irish," says Mr | ern Ireland came with the H-O'Dowd — and Irish-Ameri- | block hunger strike of 1981. block hunger strike of 1981. "Ten guys starving to death cans began to take pride in had an impact that a thou-Peter Quinn, a leading sand bombs in London would never have," recalls Mr O'Dowd. The IRA had always

immigrants flooding into the US in the mid-1980s. That was resolved in the famous lottery for Green Cards, but it left a working relationship betwe Irish America and Dublin that has endured.

Now second only to Jews as America's best educated and most affluent ethnic group

turned off all but a tiny minority of Irish-Americans. Now more started to care.

icy. Faced with anti-Irish and

Derek Brown in Jerusalem David Berestord in Johannesburg lan Traynor in Bonn and Chris Taylor in London

yond, the guns have fallen relatively silent. The healers have stolen a lead

over the men of violence.

Armed struggle, terrorism, and authoritarianism are

yielding to halting reconciliation and fragile freedoms.

Yet in London and Belfast, the bombers are back. The

politics of No Surrender are proving impervious to the dif-

ferent forms of peace process taking root in such varied

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sevic and Izetbegovic, the Sandinistas and the contras?

is more to be gained from the

peace - even where that means not so much reconcili-

ation as pursuing the conflict by other means - and the

courage of the rival leaders

required to sue for peace.

rom Sarajevo to San Salvador, Jerusalem to Johannesburg and be-

bronicler of Irish-America, believes it was assimilation itself which triggered the reawakening. "When your identity begins to unravel,

was a political history to this, province than any other too. Irish-Americans had American president. Yesterday he telephoned worked for Bill Clinton when Mr Major and the Irish prime he was an unknown presiden-minister, John Bruton, from tial wannabe, back in 1991.

this century, no one would have made the connection. Unlike American Jews.

using activity in Northein in a swap for Canada; "dyna-Ireland to do it. For most of mits schools" popped up in Brooklyn and Chicago, training fighters for the Irish war, the agitators of the Land who have always demanded a League were funded by Irish-pro-Israel stance from their American dollars.

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That drive for assimilation reached its climax in the election of a third-generation

ested in it," he says. In the early 1980s, the trend crystallised. Like all America's ethnic groups, the Irish

Irishman as president in 1960. John F. Kennedy meant "it The connection with North-

These moderate forces a community of company began working with the Irish bosses and professionals, not government, who had previously dismissed Irish-America as too extreme. The initial focus of their they're making sure their efforts was the wave of illegal president doesn't forget it.

cops and navvies - Irish America's interest in the old country has been stirred. And



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The Middle Bast conflict, for example, may be younger than the Irish Question, but it is, like Boenia, certainly big-

ger and bloodier. Yet in the last three years, the region has moved towards a kind of reconciliation, while Northern ireland has seesawed between hope and despair.

In those years, Israel has passed from having one unen-thusiastic ally in the region, Egypt, into a new era of partnership with the Palestine of Ulster, the thread linking of much of the viole Liberation Organisation and all these conflicts is that the a full peace with Jordan. issue of arms was not allowed can governments v Now, as the PLO consolidates to derail negotiations. By con- the honest broker.

Britain might do well to learn and extends its hold in the | trast, Downing Street insisted | Gaza Strip and the West Bank, the contrast with the woeful events in Britain and Ireland could not be greater. Any attempt to draw les-

Lessons of world's conflicts that

sons from one peace process and apply them directly to another would be grossly inappropriate. The conflicts are simply too different in context and in scale. But there are recurring parallels. Britain, like Israel, had to consider the price of peace, and act accordingly. Israel has paid the price, and many is-raelis consider it outrageously high. Britain cavilled over the terms and is now suffering. The late Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin had a

weapons last month, arrived hawkish background but pointed out that "Negotia- survey the Ulster impasse in London on Wednesday to

Africa, the Middle East, the Balkans and Central America. Are John Major and Gerry Adams dancing to a different tune from Mandela and De Klerk, Peres and Arafat, Milo-**Negotiations** are conducted with enemies not friends'

Are we condemned to shuffle one step forward and two steps back, while the partners to other seemingly intracta-ble conflicts manage to **Vitzhak Rabin** reverse that terrible pattern? All of these conflicts diffe

hugely from one another. But in the 1990s they have also extions are conducted with ene-) and to declare emphatically: mies, not friends." The British approach dif-fered markedly from the Ishibited common factors, the Troubles significantly less so than the others - the bowing to international pressure, the raeli in three important ways: reluctance to accept internavulnerability to economic leverage, the calculation of the rival warlords that there tional mediation, insistence on an arms surrender, and

refusal to consider mass All the way back to the multilateral Middle East con-ference in October 1991 in Mareleases of prisoners. In Guatemala and Mexico, too, though no comprehen-sive settlements have yet Soviet Union were the key exbeen reached, disarmament ternal agents, but the Euro pean Union also played its part, and the vital breakin advance of negotiations, as demanded by Mr Major, was and remains unthinkable. through between Israel and the PLO came in Norway.

In South Africa, President F.W. De Klerk quickly accepted that the decommis-sloning of African National Congress arms had no importance beyond the tactical.

In Bosnia, the disarming and separation of forces being enforced by Nato, followed the international leadership last year leading to November's breakthrough in Ohio. rather than preceded a negotiated settlement. war zones, where the US was With the notable exception | an active agent in or sponsor of Ulster, the thread linking all these conflicts is that the the UN or other Latin Ameriissue of arms was not allowed | can governments who played

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The outside pressure takes on IRA arms surrender before negotiations could take place. The Israelis and the Bosnian not only the form of good of-fices mediation, but also is brought to bear on bank balances. The deployment of money or lack of it to concenparties accepted international mediation, indeed outside milltary intervention eventually in Bosnia's case, and agreed on trate minds on peace has been another key to success in the mass prisoner releases. While the US mediator South African revolution, in

the Middle East and in Bosnia. Richard Holbrooke shuttled in the case of South Africa. around the Balkans in pur-suit of a deal and his boss economists and political scientists believe disinvestment, Warren Christopher speeds through formal sanctions and regularly to and from the Middle East to keep the peace the flight of foreign funds resulting from a pragmatic asmomentum going, George Mitchell, the retired US senasessment of risk by hard-busi-nessmen, forced the apartheid tor, who led the three-man body which advised on destate into concessions. In the Balkans, the stick of the UN trade embargo on Ser commissioning paramilitary

bia helped persuade President Slobodan Milosevic to brush aside Bosnian Serb recalcitrance and sign the accord for them, while the carrot of reconstruction funds encouraged the Bosnians and the

Croats to make peace. The absence of imposed eco-nomic penalties in the case of Northern Ireland means that this instrument has had little

And setting Northern Ire-land apart from the other disputes is perhaps the question of legitimacy and recognition. There has seldom been any doubt that Nelson Mandela's and the ANC's claims to leadership would be vindicated at the ballot box, similarly with Yasser Arafat and the PLO, while the three nationalist parties of Serbs, Croats and Muslims in Bosnia are the only electoral game in town and in control of their

constituencies. Gerry Adams and his Sinn Fein suffer by comparison. It is the huge gap between the popular support enjoyed by Mr Mandela or Mr Arafat or Mr Izetbegovic and Gerry Ad-ams which makes all the difference to the quest for peace in Northern Ireland.

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Racing

Ron Cox believes David Nicholson's enigmatic chaser is on course for another big pay-day

Post time for Barton Bank

ARTON BANK, jump racing's Jekyll and Hyde character. can reveal the better side of his nature at Kempton today when he returns to the scene of his greatest triumph to contest the Racing Post Chase.

When he's good, he's very good — as he proved when beating Bradbury Star in the 1993 King George VI Chase at Kempton - but Barton Bank has always been prone to the sort of lapse which denied him another King George win in 1994.

Well clear going to the final fence, he misread Adrian Ma-guire's signal for a big leap and ploughed through the ob-stacle, giving the jockey no chance of staying on board. Since then, Barton Bank has had more ups and downs but it is surely significant that Maguire keeps faith with him today rather than part-ner David Nicholson's other runner, the lightly-weighted Percy Smollett.

This is Barton Bank's first run in a handicap chase and he has been given every chance. Rated the equivalent of 180 when he was poised to win his second King George, he has slipped to a mark of 168.

Barton Bank's "bad" side re-surfaced in the latest renewal of the King George, but Nicholson had expres doubts that the switch to San-down would not be in the 10year-old's favour. Pulled up before two out, he can leave that form well behind on the

return to Kempton. At Wetherby in October, Barton Bank showed he retains plenty of ability when making short work of Young Hustler, who was, admittedly, conceding 8lb. He is reported in great shape at home and has always thrived on a light preparation. The more rain the better for

Percy Smollett, who struggled to finish just ahead of Young Hustler on faster ground at Sandown in the race won by Amtrak Express.

Percy Smollett improved steadily last season and looked better than ever when beating Unguided Missile who misses today's race after bruising a foot - at Ascot.

Rough Quest, who had been held up in his work prior to finishing a close second to Unguided Missile at an ear-

4.10 MACHINE POST HANDICAP CHASE IN \$25,000

U210-21 JODANE (56) (D) P Beamment 11-12-0 U373-1P BAATON BANK (49) (CD) D Nickelson 10-11-13 2-21LS3 VOCINIC (1957LER (21) (D) N Twiston-Davies 8-1

Percy Smollett. He was going well when he ter than a handicapper. fell four out in a valuable race at Leopardstown next time, and if he nuts his best foot forward for Richard Dunwoody should be well in contention today. Big Matt will be another pected to need the run, dami faces a stiff task. major player if he stays the

Kempton card with form for the televised races

lier Ascot meeting, looks three miles, but this looks a Scotton Banks (2.30) is closely handicapped with big chance for Barton Bank hardly an original selection Scotton Banks (2.30) is j but Tim Easterby's progres-sive chaser will be hard to (4.10), who at his best is bet-Jodami has been declared beat. He has already won over for the Racing Post, but is an intended runner at Havdock. where he is also saddled with top weight in the Greenalls Grand National Trial, Ex-Jo-

year's Scottish National, has the services of Charlie Swan. Tom Tate's gelding was no right noises. match for Scotton Banks at Wetherby in December, but on 1115 benefit terms for 10 It may seem odd to turn to the all weather for the day's best bet, but Jarsah (4.30) engins he should make more looks one to be on at Lingfield on his return to two miles.

Olympic gold medal winner, imisfied with a two run time of lunn 52,53ec, to edge out Urs Kaelin of Switzerland second at the 1991 world championships and again m Lillehammer in 1994 — with 1.55107 and another Swiss, Michael Von Gruenigen, with 1.58145 Tomba bronze in the 1987 champion-ships but failed in the next three championships to finish in the top three. In 1998 at Mo-rioka, Japan he missed the giant slalom with illness and.

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A decade of fristration vesteriday with a victory in the glant slalom at the World Abrine Chainmathing the court of the shut your claring: 'Tomba, shut your mouth." But it was quickly grabbed from them by a mem-

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Tomba on top

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I managed to right myself as I did in Rinterstoder (in a World Cup race) two weeks ago and I just carried on charging. My goal was a medal, any medal. I was not

the world championship giant slalom was Tomba's coach Gustavo Thoeni at St Moritz in 1974. Tomba promised this week

race. "I don't know what will happen," he said. "But I can tell you that we are going to have a wild party at the Casa Italia [the Italian team club] tonight."

After comparing Europe's southernmost resort to Mo-rocco in a television inter-

Baker-Finch finally makes a cut

THE 1991 Open champion Ian Baker-Finch made a "I hit most fairways and I was in control. When I just got up and halfway cut for the first time in almost 17 months tried to hit the ball as far as I could, all those other (negyesterday, but, did so by the skin of his teeth, equalling, the four-over-per out off mark in the Canon Chal-lenge in Sydney. The lanky Australian but a two under 70 to fol ative] thoughts went out, so maybe I've stumbled on the key myself." Senden, who had shared

ing a four-under-par 67 in the first round of the Nisseven under par. "Ayaan't a happy campen, after that 7% and I decided. Just to come out here and hit every tee shot as hard as san Open. The Australian. who, won the CGA Ghanpi-onship on the same course last Angust, shared the lead with Craig Stadler and Rob-

The lanky Australian whot a two-under 70 in fol-low his first-round 78. It was his best performance since he qualified for the brook (1.25) should take care of his six rivals in the Levy Board Hurdle. Connections of the long-absent champion have been making all the seven under national seven and an aggregate 137, right moises.

I could," said Baker-Finch. - art Wrenn. Haydock with form for the TV races

the overnight lead on five under, overcame a triple bogsy and double bogsy to shoot a 70 to lead by one shoot from another Anstra-itan, Jamie Taylor. • Steve Elkington again hit the front at the Riviera course in California, shoot-

TORE AND OF THE BOARDER

this three and a half miles and, judging by the manner. in which he rallied to deny, Smith's Band last time, has not stopped improving yet. Lo Stregone, Deep Bramble Summit are lead-

Buttercup Joe (left), takes the final flight with Djais, on his way to victory at Kempton yesterday ing Grand National fancies and Lo Stregone, blinkered for the first time since finish-ing third to Willsford in last

of a race of it this time.

Celebrate with the Official Tomba Ean Club", which had sent a dozen or so bard-core supporters from his native Castel de Britti, near Bologna.

Golf

m the giant statom at the World Alpine Championships at Sierra Nevada, Spain that gave the Italian his first gold medal in his fifth appearance. The gold was the third in eight events for the Italian beam. Tombs, 25, the Italian beam. Obvious, and medal witnes ber of the fan club. "This was surely one of my just charging down. "Then I made a mistake but

going for gold." The last Italian man to win won a glanf slalom

Tomba promised this week that he would race tomor-row's slalom in his own La Bomba line of boxer shorts if he won the giant, but he said yesterday that it would de-pend on the weather for the race. "I don't know what will happen." he said. "But I can grant sigion with timess and crashed out of the slalom. After seeing from the time board that he had won, the Italian's first thought was to celebrate, with the "Official

1.25 Alderbrook	5.15 Zabeci	4 19F-P43 LUSTY LIGHT (77 (CD) (BF) Mrs J Pinnen 10-10-12	1.00 Daily Boy 2.30 Buotion Senks	JOHN CODE - MERCINCOD AUFPER Headway for out, under pressure from header, 4b of 18, bir (20, in Theories Takes (Theories 2005) 50
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1.25 LINY BOARD HURBLE 2m	C10,918	TOP FORM TIPE: Rough Coast 8, Barton Realt 7, Hig Hall 6		gued).
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His corresponding room		when top 4 cut behind Royal Mounterowne (Leopandstown 3cs, Hay).		A DL THE WATT COOD (44) I Am I Dimmer (1.10.11) B Harmont
	1, 5–1 Land Alar. 14–1 Cititon Bost, Musse, 23–1 Marth The Kasis, 53–1	ANTRACK EXCENSIBLE suproved effort last time when always provident, led approaching 2 cut, ridden out, was by 4 from PERCY SMOLLETT (gave 38), held up, higt on one pace from 3 out, with YOUNG HUSTLER	6 422 SOLATEUR (14) Af Pripe 11-6C Some 7 61 MARCHART Miles (43) (0) M Harmond 11-4 B Gentity	5 2-2111 SCOTTON BARKS (35) (CD) T Estatoy 7-10-12
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Rugby League Gregory puts paid to doubt

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at Salford via Leeds in 1993, was given charge of the side full-time in succes-sion to the Australian Paul Fitzpatrick on the cocky coach who plans to give Saints the Wigan treatment

NDY GREGORY's capacity for spring-ing surprises was a him one of the finest post-

war scrum-halves. Unor-thodox, unpredictable, elu-sive and with a rockiness born of an innate self-confidence, he could drive oppo-nents to distraction and single-handedly destroy

He came into the game, he says, not to make friends he says, not to make friends but to win things. And he has done so. He went to Wembley nine times, in-cluding an appearance for Great Britain against Aus-tralia in 1990, and was never on the losing side.

It will always rankle with him that he was never part of a Great Britain side that won a series against Aus-tralia, but one performance alone, at Sydney in 1988, will ensure him an imperishable place in Ashes history. Now he has guaranteed

his Salford team a place in Challenge Cup history, after plotting the downfall of Wigan at The Willows two weeks ago — his old club's first defeat in the

competition in 44 games. St Helens, the new favourites for the cup, will tread the same dangerous path this afternoon and will pray it does not lead to the grave. It could do so if Salford play as impressively as they did against Wigan, but that would be asking a lot of Gregory's

One effect of Salford's victory over Wigan was to inject much-needed vitality into a tournament which increasingly since 1988 had been crying out for a new script. Another was to de-mand a new and respectful ment of Andy Gregory the coach. John Wilkinson, Sal-

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ford's chairman, was told by more than one sceptic last March that he had optfor the wrong

slof to the Australian coach Garry Jack. Gregory can see why people had their doubts. He admits that on the field he was a hot-head at times and had brushes with referees. He walked out on Widnes, his first club, and left War-rington, his second, in sour circumstances. circumstances. Did he have the necessary self-control to be a success-ful coach? Did he have the

that? Above all, perhaps, did he have the patience? He is not, he admits, the best of spectators and possi-bly finds it easier to watch Manchester United than to watch Satford

watch Salford. That Gregory, at 34, is a young coach to watch was proved beyond question over a Centenary season which emphasised how un-lucky Salford were not to

be in the first Super League which starts next month. The First Division was more competitive than the Centenary Championship but Salford won it emphati-cally from such rivals as Keighley and Featherstone, and from Widnes, Hull and Wakefield, three clubs still in the last eight of the Chal-

lenge Cup. In winning the title Gregory showed that the many hours he had spent in the company of Doug Laugh-ton, Graham Lowe and John Monie - three of the most influential coaches in

his career — had been time well spent. He has built a fit and successful side, fos-fered an excellent team spirit while pursuing a strong disciplinary line, and in his man-manag ment has shown flexibility without leaving anyone in doubt who is in charge.

It was a source of great satisfaction to Gregory this week that Salford signed two youngsters, Robert Russell and Ricky Halliwell, who were being pursued by bigger clubs, Bradford and Leeds among them. "That shows people want to come to this club." His ambition for Salford

is unambiguous. "I want to set them into Super League and I want to keep them there. I want a successful Basket of tricks Gregory sits it out behind Salford's ground PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

cessful Alliance side so that | But he has another objec-| "We did our homework on players are pushing for tive too, and that is to an-| Wigan and we have done places right the way sure that Salford's season our homework on Saints."

SPORTS NEWS 9 Court casts doubt on Super League

Paul Fitzpatrick

HE European Super League, due to kick off in Paris at the end of next month, will go Lindsay said he had been assured by Ken Cowley, chairman and chief executive of News Corporation, that its ahead as planned in spite of Super League's emphatic defeat in its court battle with the Australian Rugby League. commitment to the rest of the world was "unshakeable". Much less certain to take place are the world club championship play-offs With considerable understatement Cowley admitted that the judge's ruling was "a setback" but he said News Corporation's "commitment to our players, clubs and fol-Great Britain's tour of Aus-tralasia which is due to start at the end of the same month. The play-offs, between the lowers is unchanged". This whole messy, bitter,

complex and damaging feud began last year when Mur-doch, in an attempt to win the Australian rugby league tele-vision rights from Kerry Packer, announced his plans leading eight clubs from Europe and Australia, were to have provided the dazzling and lucrative culmination to the first Super League season. They were also a persuasive reason for the game's switch for a breakaway Super to summer League

They could have produced big money for the four suc-cessful European clubs; as much as £3 million for two weeks' work. This puts into perspective the £1.7 million sponsorship deal over three years that the Rugby Football League signed recently with Stones Bitter. The tour, too, 1995 were invalid. would have been a guaran

teed big earner. But these events - and many other issues. - are shrouded in doubt after Justice James Burchett's ruling in Sydney yesterday.

After a 51-day hearing which started last September he found in favour of the ARL on all major points of conten-tion and ordered the eight breakaway Super League clubs to return to the ARL. Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, backer of the Super League, is to appeal and will consider its options over the weekend. But it seems next to impossible that its competition in Australia for 10 clubs will start next Fri-

way Super League will get under way. Murdoch has tried to hijack the game and failed." The ARL will on Monday seek an order to stop the

Super League going ahead and to prevent players who broke their contracts from land international centre,

tive, insisted: "The judgment | League should not start a will not affect the European | rival competition before De-Super League. Our contract with BSkyB is also unaffected." cember 31 1999 — when Pack-er's TV rights end — and Jus-tice Burchett agreed with all its major submissions.

Whether the eight rebel clubs will return to the ARL remains to be seen. They have already held a meeting and the indications are that they will risk flouting Justice Bur-

will risk flouting Justice Bur-chet's ruling. That could leave many top-class players in limbo and it is possible that such outstand-ing talents as Bradley Clyde, Ricky Stuart and Laurie Daley from Canberra Raiders, Allan Langer and Steve Ren-ouf from Brisbane Broncos, and the Englishmen Denis Betts and Andy Platt of Auck-land Warriors may soon be looking for English clubs to play for in the coming months. months. In the short term that might

Court proceedings were initlated by News Corporation, which claimed that agree-ments signed between the ARL and the New South Wales RL and its 30 clubs in prove good for the European Super League. Long term, the prospects are for further dam-age. The ARL, marginalised for so long, is suddenly back in a position of strength and is likely to be swilling with money when its damages are naid November 1994 and February The ARL counter-sued, giv- money ing 29 reasons why Super paid.

Bentley to face Leeds as appeal finds him clumsy, not malicious

was in the centre: The New Zealander has now joined the Australian club Manly. Halifax and Leeds will both have been inspired by Wigan's early exit at Salford a fortnight ago. Leeds probably have most cause to celebrate, having been

beaten at Wembley by Wigan for the past two

capacity crowd and Leeds's coach Dean Bell said: "It is a very intimidating atmosphere. The crowd are right on top of you and when it's

Bentley's Halifax col-league Mike Umaga had his three-match suspension forward Michael Jackson, who was also suspended for three matches but did not who was also suspended for three matches but did not

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who has not played since tearing a pectoral muscle But Maurice

day as planned. Mark O'Brien, lawyer for the ARL, said: "There is no

playing in any competition other than the ARL.

JOHN BENTLEY is free to play in Halifax's Chal-lenge Cup quarter-final with Leeds at Thrum Hall tomorrow after his appeal against a one-match sus-match sus-round, when Craig Innes pension proved successful yesterday, writes Paul Fitzpatrick.

The appeals committee felt that Bentley's high tackle on the Sheffield Eagles player Lynton Stott last Sunday was clumsy rather than malicious and

his previous good record was taken into account.

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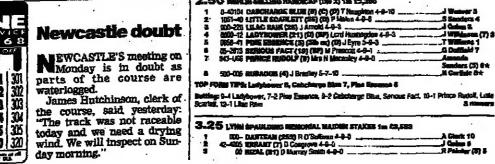
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Soccer

Now Batty moves to Newcastle

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AVID BATTY's acrimonious relation-ship with Blackburn Rovers ended in predictable divorce yesterday when he agreed to join Newcastle United.

Barring a dispute over the terms of his contract, the former England international Premiership champions to

million deal on Monday. "David will receive a medi-cal examination and then discuss personal terms with us over the weekend," said New-castle's chief executive. Freddie Fletcher

Batty's arrival on Tyneside will take Newcastle's spend-ing to almost £25 million in under a year and will come less than a month after a clubrecord £6.7 million was in-vested in the Colombian international striker Faustino

Asprilla. Batty's departure from Ewood Park was regarded as little more than a formality after an unpleasant public falling-out with his manager, Ray Harford, last month. But Newcastle's manager Kevin Keegan had to raise his initial £3.5 million bid to get his

"He's the type of player we have not got here," said Kee-gan. "I have been interested in him for a long time — even before he was injured last season. Now he is back to his best and I'm delighted he's joining us. He is another string in our how " string to our bow."

Although some Newcastle fans seem less than thrilled by the deal, Keegan brushed aside the doubts. "You want to see some of the letters I had man executive will soon face when I signed Asprilla," he | a vote of no confidence.

aid. "But he answered them in the right way, and so will

The midfielder is some thing of a talisman. After playing an integral part in Leeds United's championship success of 1992, he was contro-versially sold to Blackburn only 17 months later.

Despite sustaining a seri-ous injury he made a belated contribution to Blackburn's midfielder will move from Premiership success last sea son, playing sufficient game Premiership leaders in a £3.75 to pick up a second winners million deal on Monday. medal.

metal. Meanwhile, Aston Villa's manager Brian Little returned to his former club Leicester City with cheque-book in hand yesterday to sign the England Under-21 forward Julian Joachim for £1.5 million.

If Joachim passes his medi cal he is likely to line up against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park this afternoon. "He will give us extra compe tition for places and if he doe get into the first team it is up to him to try and stay there." said Little. "He is the right

completed the 2500,000 signing of the Scottish interna-tional Andy Walker from Celtic.

Cynthia Bateman adds: De

The latest resignation fu-elled speculation that the five-

age and calibre and I believe he will do well for us." Sheffield United yesterday

fections continued from the Football Association of Ireland yesterday, with Finbar Flood, a distinguished mem-ber of the 20-man executive council, following Sean Connolly, chief executive, Joe McGrath, national coaching director, and Michael Morris, the accountant, out of the



Touch and go . . . Scott Green puts in some hard yards as his team-mates take the opportunity to catch their breath

Bolton's hat in the ring

Uncle Billy Bateman, a keen Manchester City supporter, was a lad and Bolton were playing Manchester United, his older brother Harry used to send him down the cobbled tram-lined Manchester street where they lived to cadge old caps and hats from neighbours. Thus armed, they would station themselves among the 60,000 on Burnden Park's terraces and hurl the hats into the air whenever Bolton scored.

Metaphorically, Bolton sup-porters will be doing the same thing tomorrow as Wanderers try to put one over Manches-ter United. By the time they meet, the gap between United and Newcastle at the top may mierlotteries

The Guardian Saturday February 24 1996 Swans begin

> bulk buying

> > Martin Thorpe

Soccer Diary

N ONE level, Thursday's managerial changes are attempts to turn back the clock: Graham Taylor's reversion to the yellow, red and black brick road; Swansea trying to recapture their great days under John Toshack through another Anfield old boy, Jan Molby. On another level the ap-

pointments represent a healthy step forward, with not only Luther Blissett becoming one of the few blacks to get a coaching job but Molby one of the few foreigners to do likewise. However, both announce ments also prove that nothing changes. For football people continue unerringly to choose the right word at the wrong time. For of all the non-horticultural references Elton John might have used in urging an end to Taylor's turnip tag, what did he choose? "It needs to did he choose? be buried."

And perhaps the tradi-tionally rotund Molby would like to rephrase his assertion that "I can make a higger impact on the field than I can in the office".

THREE men called Cocker have had top-10 hits. Can you name them? (Answer below).

ONE HAS to worry about our children's educa-tion. Not because of falling school standards or the influence of video games but because of No. 519 in the Merlin Collection of football stickers. "Did you know," it asks, "that Ian Rush celebrated his 600th league appearance for Liverpool by scoring a hat-trick against Blackburn in the Coca-Cola Cup?" (Spot-ted by Iain Woods of Sutton Coldfield).

APPARENTLY Joe Merwith the adage: "The grass is green, the paint is fresh, now go out there and play." Brian Slough of Kettering wonders if, given the recent drug scandals, it should now read: "The grass

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impossible task from the It was slready halfway through the close season when Bruce left," explained Sharrock. "The new jointmanagement team, which was a flawed concept anyway, were picking up the pieces less than a month before the players were due back for pre-season training.

gone elsewhere.

"Lots of free-transfer players they might have wanted had been snapped up by then, and some of the older players

nces begin to catch up with you and then it's hard to keep your heads above water." Todd believes Bolton need a

-ORGET pay-per-view. In

miracle to stay up, and there are those who balieve he and McFarland were handed an

Vogts tribute

ELMUT SCHOEN, the the wake of the Bosman judg-coach who master-minded West Ger-next week to discuss the playmany's winning World Cup campaign in 1974, died on Thursday night aged 80. Schoen was coach from Noers' viewpoint with European Commission officials. The Football Association

to 'best ever'

yesterday began an inquiry into an incident during Bir-mingham's Coca-Cola Cup vember 1964 until June 1978 and his side were World Cup runners-up to England in 1966 semi-final first-leg home deand losing semi-finalists in feat by Leeds on February 11

door.

1970 before their triumph four | in which Leeds's Gary McAlyears later. They won the lister was hit on the head by a European Championship in snooker ball. Paul Kirby, a former busi-1972 and were runners-up in 1976.

Berti Vogts, the current coach, said: "He saw only the good in players and in people in general. He did an unbelievable amount for the players and, for me, was the most successful ever.

Gordon Taylor, chief execu-tive of the Professional Footballers' Association, is to join a Uefa working party on the future of players in Europe in Obituary, page 18

Old Firm pincer movement on European target-men

Patrick Glenn

est in the 1994 World Cup. He also scored both of Sporting's HILE Walter Smith, the goals in a 2-0 victory over Celtic in the Uefa Cup in 1993. Rangers manager, travelled to Germany yesterday to check on the Bayer Leverkusen striker Ulf Cadete is unlikely to be in-volved in Celtic's home match Leverkusen striker Ulf against Partick Thistle this Kirsten, Tommy Burns of Celtic stayed at home to try to ing Aberdeen at Pittodrie sign the Portuguese interna-tional striker Jorge Cadete from Sporting Lisbon. tomorrow, this is an opportu-nity for Burns's side to share the placer movement on Europe was an indication of the Old Firm's need for rein-forcements in a 10-match run-for the Dimiter Diricican Europe was an indication of the Diricican Europe was an indication of Europe was an indication o in to the Premier Division Smith's pursuit of Kirsten championship. Smith's inter-est in Kirsten had been known since last weekend, but Cadete's arrival at Park-for East Germany and has ed was unexpected. The 27- picked up 17 since unificayear-old is said to have tion, is out of contract at the bought his own contract from | end of the season and may

Sporting and is able, as a free wait until then in order to ne agent, to negotiate terms on gotiate a better deal. Smith planned to watch his own behalf. He is a proven striker of in- him in the home match ternational class, having against Borussia Mönchen-scored two of the goals in Por-

tugal's 5-0 victory in Lisbon | Aberdeen today.

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coach Terry Venables, was sent to a doctor by a High Court judge yesterday and or-dered to return with a note about the finger he sliced on a box file of court papers in the witness box on Thursday. Venables claims Kirby owes him £144,359 for clearing the debts of a failed pub company.

which ended Scotland's inter-

be back to nine points, if Kevin Keegan's team defeat ster City at Maine Manch Road today. ness partner of the England "City generally do us one

good turn a season," said Alex Ferguson. But if 'he gains an advantage there, Bolton will be desperate to hand it back to Newcastle on Spnday.

"We only hate United" is one of the favourite chants of Wanderers supporters, who were recently praised by Kee-gan as the best fans he had come across - outside Type

"We have suffered a lot, we really have," said Leonard, a 51-year-old debt-collector. He we can't compete." side, of course. Only a cynic would dare suggest he had tomorrow's match in mind, for there is nothing Bolton has been watching Bolton for 40 years; since the days when steam locomotives, suddenly fans would like better than to ans would like bench that to poop the old enemy's party. "The atmosphere will be electric," said a supporters' spokesman, Neil Leonard. "But I'm not looking forward to it. It's a hardship. I work in finding shunting work on a Saturday afternoon, huffed and puffed along the line above the back of the ground and people hung out of pas-

senger trains waving and north Manchester and the amount of ridicule I get be shouting at this exotic halt on an otherwise mundane journey. " "We are hardy souls." said cause we are bottom of the

Premiership is cruel. We have become a bit of a joke,

"We are hardy souls." said Leonard. "And we take the good with the bad. Some of the games have been so bad this season, the best enter-tainment has been the guy in the Lofty the Lion suit" — a Disney-type character mod-elled on Nat Lofthouse's Lion of Vienna lecend. which is rather sad. "A lot of nice people are Manchester United reds but I come up against some repre-sentatives of the Manchester United Independent Support-ers' Association and they are

ers' Association and they are very patronising. "It gets up my nose. But this game will be like a cup final for us." Should Bolton pull off the coup — and their reputation as a side who can lift them-selves for special occasions is second to none. after lest sac of Vienna legend. Alan Rushton, the mayor and a Wanderers supporter for 52 of his 61 years, said: "I think most people would rather we were in the Pre-miership. We have had a chance to see teams this sea-son we would never have had the chance to see otherwise, and I don't think we would have here building a page sta second to none; after last sea-son's League Cup final appearance, this terms' league wins came against Black-burn, Arsenal, Wimbledon have been building a new sta-dium, which will create 3,000 new jobs, if we had not been in the Premiership. and Middlesbrough - then Colin Todd's team will be for-

Searching for the formula . . . the Burnden Park faithful in sombre mood

that.

Cynthia Bateman on Wanderers' wish to derail an old enemv's title challenge in tomorrow's version of the Lancashire cup

given for a season spent al "Travelling around to other were other touches that en-most entirely at the bottom of stadiums in the Premiership, deared him to them. the Premiership table. you began to realise that On one bitterly cold day as

you began to realise that Burnden is 100 years old and the punters queued for tickets for a cup tie. Rioch sent out his apprentices with giant pots of tes to serve up mugs of the steaming brew to Gordon Sharrock, who has covered Wanderers for the supporters.

Bolton Evening News for 17 years, agreed. "Even if we go down, people will think if we win this game we have won the cup final. Had Bruce Rioch stayed we would have been able to attract better players," in-sisted Leonard. "There was a "There has been a sense of resignation for some time, terrific spirit at the club then. but while it is still mathemat-ically possible for Bolton

terrnic spirt at the club then. He ran it like a family. If you kicked one they all winced." Todd, the survivor as man-ager of the former partner-ship with Roy McFarland, is adamant that that, spirit still evints. "But many them it many it to stay up people will take a crumb of comfort from exists. But we knew it wasn't going to be easy, and we hoped that if we could just consolidate our position in the Premiership it would "But on the whole the feel ing in the town is that they are enjoying the Premiership even if they are bottom. They are enjoying being in the company of the Newcastles and the Liverpools, and stand us in good stead in years to come. I must confess I thought we would do a lot people are hoping they might

take one or two scalps before better than this in berms of the end of the season. points. "From the players' point of "From the players' point of they had a good cup run last seeson and had shown they could beat Premier League sides and so they could do it again in the Premiership. But Sharrock, who had see Wanderers drop from the old First Division down to the Fourth, watched their revival during Bruce Rioch's three seasons. Apart from getting results, Rioch somehow fitted

again in the Premiership. But nicely with the psyche of Bol-ton people. His hard-work, no-honsense, short-back-andit doesn't work like that. "In the FA Cup the underdogs will always come good sides approach matched their somewhere along the line, but going to go down, let's go out own work ethic, and there in the Premiership circum with a bang."

ton would not have lost Jason McAteer to Liverpool if Rioch had stayed. The arrival of the successful £1.5 million Ser bian Sasa Curcic only added to the sense of frustration at

what might have been had McAteer stayed to play with him. "The overall result is that

we are left with a feeling that we have enjoyed the Premier-ship but it is a bit of an anti-climar and it seems to have gone so quickly. You blink and say, Well, that was the Premiership," said Sharrock. His real fear is that if the

miracle does not happen, Bol-son ticket holders in the past two seasons, helping gates to an average of 17,000 -- will disappear. "People want to watch a winning side. I don't want to be a prophet of doom but I wonder how many will

stay if we go down." Leonard, like all Bolton supporters, is resilient. "I don't share this view that it doesn't matter what happens so long as we beat Manches-ter United.

ter United. "Football is big business now and we have got to stay up. We have given away too many late goals. If games lasted 80 minutes we would be in the top six. But if we are

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they could perhaps have got a Newcastle they have couple of years out of had pint-per-view. Publicans are cashing in on a TV loop-"Roy McFarland was hole which allows them to alarmed at how few players tune in to live Premiership there were in the squad. He only had 21, of which two games broadcast by a Nor-

wegian satellite station. The pubs have bought were long-term injuries and two were goalkeepers. And the fixture list didn't give Bolspecial dishes and show matches with the sound ton much of a chance. turned down and a local New signings did little to al-leviate the criticism that Bolradio commentary playing instead. For Newcastle's recent game with Middles-brough, the Old George in Cloth Market was so full the landlord rigged up a second TV in the car-park where 150 fans stood watching in the rain.

Peter Robinson, whoruns the shop that sells the special dishes, even says: "We had a recent game on in the shop window and about 100 people watched from the pavement."

Some spooky things have been going on at Brentford. Their young midfielder Marcus Bent bought a mirror for his mum at Christmas, slipped carrying it through the door, dropped it on the floor, fell on the broken glass and required 4. stitches in a neck wound His seven years of bei luck have already begui

The other week on the tran to Carlisle he was buying a cup of tea for the club phy sio when he spilled scaldin water over his foot. Las Saturday he required three

saturnay he required three stitches in a leg wound picked up in the game against Bristol City. And it was that game which kicked off another supernatural sequence. The match began 15 minutes late because of a bomb scare. Brentford then went 1-0 up, 2-1 down and drew



MANCHESTER City have sent that Barings of bad tidings, and City fan, Nick Leeson a selection from the club's leisurewear range to his jail-cell in Singapore. Perhaps they should have added the The defender Alam Stubbe has shaken off an ankle trijury soo may come in tor Simon Coleman is the only clustupe to the Bolton side shat won 4-1 at Middleebrough last week. Usiled are likely to retain the line-up das soond a 2-0 midwask win over Evertan that saw these close on the leaders they saw these close on the seaders theycastic, which would leave the Explant full-back Gary Neville on the bench. warning: "Football teams, like investments, can go down as well as up."

ANSWER: Joe Cocker, Jarvis Cocker and Les Cocker (Back Home, 1970).

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A UNIQUE collection of dgear distinguished this quick-witted son of Bethnal Green's formative years. Having begun amid elderly red-coats, he stalled alongside some flery Percies, but then blossomed anew after ranging further west. Eventually he went into window repairs but later became better known for services to wig and pen.

Performance of the week: Paul Merson (Arsenal), whose inspired display at Villa Park in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals went unrewarded.

Last week: Peter Lorimer (Leeds United, York City, Toronto Blizzard, Leeds

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TEAM SHEET

in Munice is in the equal e natches out with a jame injury. , Nackburg v Liverpoo Rescurate to Liverpool Rovers recall the winger Staat Hipley after an anide injury but will be without the michieder Lars Bohinen, who has a call problem, and the stikker Mikes Newell, who starts a Ano-mich sumpersion. The Ster-wood and Chris Colemps are nursing inju-ries but should play. Liverpool, alming to antend their unbeaten run to 14 games. Iway the side that strated to a 4–0 FA Cup bourth-retend win at Strawebury last weeth-and while manon that Neil Bartdocks and Everton y Notins Forest Evertor's promising detender John O'Con-nor nakes his hore dolut after warding Ryan Giggs on Wednesday, and his fellow youth product Tary Grant hangs on to his midfield place. The midfielder due Pantan-son and the effair Duncun Ferguson lace fitness tests, and Barry Horne and Anders Lingpar are bennied. Forest, denied the services of Stuart Peerce (calif) for a serveeth game, may hand the midfielder Chris Allen, on Joan Toro Dolord, an In-mediate dobut it has Yoon fails to restover from a henesting sizels. and, which means that Nell Ruddock and lan Rush stay on the bench. Coventry v Middlesbrough Covening's new antivits (Jam Data, the Clysening's new antivits (Jam Data, the Clys million dotandar from Birmingham, and Bolis Jess, the Cl.7 million midfielder from Aberdeen, make their debuts but Brum Bornest and Peul Williams will be missing from the reargitard as they com-plete two-match bens. Middielsofrough, desperate to stroid a ninit successible Pro-micrating datast, could give their Sofyser-oid assistant manager Vir Anderson his first sun-out of the seeson as the delond-ers Migol Pearago, Chrie Morris and Craig Liddle are suspended. The midfielder Rob-

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The certailitie defender Scoll Hilley, who played under City's mesager Alan Bail at Exiting and has been signed on toos trans-Birmingbare, is set to come in for Michael Promosek, who since with the midlander Garty Filkrott is suppended. Newcasfle, althing to bounce back from their 2-0 reverse at West Ham, will link David Gin-rie with Faulto Ascella Ley Ka time.

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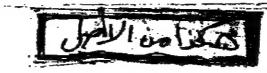
stitt dol Composit switching to right-back is place of Dean Austin, who has had early lage surgery. The winger Andy Sinton, cop-ded at the City Ground, returns in face his, former, cich, The gosthauper Chris Woode and the leading scorer David Hirst may return for Wadnesday so the manager David Plast considers a reshuttle for the injo to his torner cich. Woode, has lost out to Xavie Prassmen for Sinte gemes and Hirst (hamstring) hes misual for mainten.

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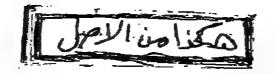
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Swans begin bulk buying



As Mike Atherton's star has dwindled since Christmas Hansie Cronje's has risen. Tomorrow they meet again, in the World Cup

Mike Selvey reports from Rawalpindi

England's talisman loses his touch

a United supporter on a City flag day, the England captain must have cause for concern. Collectively his side are

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Toss and turn of fortune ... Atherton and Cronic

playing the sort of ramonly 71 runs, them bowl too straight, and shackle cricket that charac-Then there is his captaincy partly because of the negative On Thursday afternoon, with the opposition's innings little terised their last few weeks in South Africa; it has led to one message it sent out: of course we know we can beat these guys but better to be safe, sh? disastrous defeat against New more than four overs old, the new ball swinging away nicely for Dominic Cork and Phil DeFreitas and one wicket Zealand and a brace of comt may have been pragmatic Djate. prehensive but inauspicious wins against the United Arab but pragmatism never won a World Cup. already in the bag, he lost the plot, removing his slip field-ers on the strength, it seemed, of a boundary edged along the ground through the slips, an-other through midwicket and a third clanged to fine lag Emirates and Holland. The Outwardly Atherton is not No worrise ... Atherton is 'not concerned' by his loss of form but it is affecting his captaincy and the team FRANK BARON the least bit concerned. He said after the Holland game odds on them winning the World Cup - 8-1 before the though, the team subcon-sciously seem to wonder how they can succeed. In the one-day games, ielding that at times defies be where Graeme Hick is very lief and always a game plan ielding that at times defies be tournament -- are lengthenthat he did not feel under ing by the day. On an individual basis the pressure at any stage and was not worried about his lack of runs. "My turn will come" is his mantra. He has always through a dreadful period and man who is the backbone of a third glanced to fine leg. s in or taken a fatalistic practical ap-Although England have all but qualified for the quarter-finals, Raymond Illingworth day cricket, and not three chasing 200 to win, then he much the key player, failure closer to a settled plan than Robin Smith, who is champproach to his run-scoring, be-lieving himself neither to be by Atherton is less signifi-cant. Yet his mood - never, months ago at The Wanderers might have had cause for conthey were a month ago. ing at the bit after injury. played one of the great in- | cern. But this was Holland, a Who, for example should South Africa, meanwhile, perhaps, sufficiently upbe in form nor out of it at any recognises the size of the task open the batting? In the last have only an injury to that confronts them and the need to win their final two riven time. for the hurly-burly of the limtwo gamies Atherton, whose Andrew Hudson to concern But, one wonders, if this apited-overs game, despite the need for a cool head - and them. Their bowling should be at full strength on a pitch Pakistan put faith in psychiatrist value to England is in batting proach is Atherton's way of group matches to restore the through the innings, has coping with the failures that can hit any sportsman, what effect does it have on the rest the way it translates to the players has a debilitating efwinning habit. "They are the form team at taken the middle order; open-ing, particularly when chaswhich, unlike that in Pesha-PAKISTAN, who play their opening World Cup game against United Arab Emirates in Gujaran-them. It is all about how to relax during a match, how war, seemed to have more present and a win would be very pleasant," he said. "But we should have won four of and his side's interest in view fect on the spirit. pare than the Pakistan norm. England and Atherton will of the team? The biggest debate for them will centre on whether Paul over the past 18 months. need to be at the peak of their game tomorrow when they relax during a match, how In each of the past two calendar years he has exceeded 1,000 runs, and such is his those games over there. We were very stupid. Probably we experimented too much, of the strength of the South wala today, have employed to concentrate and about Adams or Pat Symcox takes renew acquaintance with Africa seam attack. Illingworth concedes as a professional psychiatrist to help their players win Calcutta's Eden Garden the spinner's role. Adams, say the South Africans, will play status that he has become al-South Africa, their sternes the World Cup. Intikbab Alam, Paki-stan's manager, said that Nazir Aziz is used to "reitmost a talismanic figure. If test of the tournament yet. Atherton gets runs, the side may not win but they do not lose. If the captain fails, for they set out to win the series first and we switched things around. In fact we didn't learn a great deal from The South Africans squared for they set out to win the series first and we switched sooner rather than later. Bearing in mind last winter. that probably means tomorrow. would echo that. Motor Racing Badminton Hockey **Ice Hockey** Schumacher's Ferrari is the pits England in a Wright state **Big guns face** Clubs start as problems refuse to go away over Uber qualification new league major test THE Formula One world the new car this year for a champion Michael Schu- serious title challenge in Sondergaard before losing 6-11, 11-4, 11-8. Vic Scichelder Pat Rowley Richard Jayo in Prague macher finally managed to test his new Ferrari F310 at 1997. While waiting for Wright's presence today days to test the F310, he had been lapping Estoril with last year's car fitted with the new engine, but even that gave him trouble on his first day's testing this work England's women will have to wait until the last CANNOCK's Rob Crutch-ley and Guildford's Ian CLUBS outside the Super-league have formed a could have made a big differ Estoril yesterday but ence to their chances of reaching the Uber Cup finals, but her departure has en-hanced her chances of quali-fying for the Olympics. Jennings, the season's lead-ing scorers in the league with Britsh National Ice Hockey ground to a halt with elecmoment today before finding trical problems after nego-tiating only two bends. The car was towed back to the out whether they have quali-League. Although it does not seel to promote itself as a and 18 goals respectively. face its top two goalkeepers, Simon Mason of Reading and David Luckes of East Grin-stead, in the National League fied for May's world team fin-als in Hong Kong after losing rivd to the Superleague, the Something BN.HL spokesman, the Sloigh Jets general manager pit lane and pushed into the Ferrari garage by disto Denmark yesterday. They badly missed Joanne this week. World-ranking points from Ferrari had continued two wins are the maximum testing with the No. 2 Wright the doubles specialist driver Eddie Irvine at the team's Fiorano track, hop-ing to iron out gearbox and engine faults before putting mark team. Joanne Mugger-the com the putting form the irr gruntled mechanics. available from this event, and Gaty Stefan, yesterday clamed it would "mirror" this weekend. Cannock, who returned to Schumacher went out by missing yesterday's match she achieved them, whereas a defeat would have reduced again in the car later in the day and appeared to have no immediate problems Old what is intended to be a fully the top on Sunday, visit third-placed Reading tomorrow professional league planned her total. forSeptembe idge was moved from the top It was dismissed as a coinci-dence by the British Olympic manager Andy Goode. "I did say players didn't have to but, with the new season just over two weeks away, the car. through its first competitive paces. The new BNIHL will come while the cup holders, fifth-placed Guildford, are at home singles spot to play doubles with Wright's regular partner Julie Bradbury, and Tanya Something close to what they [the Super-legue] are doing but on a snaller level," he said. In yesterday morning's secon, Williams-Renault's recurring technical prob-lems with the car have been to an in-form East Grinstead side who are now sixth. snaller level, he said. Ad by the Durham Wasps, who are owned by Sir John Hill, plus the Sheffield Steel-es and the Manchester Sorm, seven of the current Pitish League's 24 clubs are Groves was given a world team championships debut in play in the Thomas or Uber Cups if they didn't want to, but it never became a policy disappointing for the Canadian rookie Jacques With Cannock averaging Villeneuve set the fastest five goals a game, Mason and Reading may be in for an-German New He left the tried and tested Benetion-Renault for the third singles. The young left-hander res-ponded with an encouraging performance, leading 7-5 in time around the 2.701-mile other busy afternoon. Last season, moreover, they decircuit, 1min 19.85sec. just to use these events to the legendary Italian team in a £32 million deal with fastest was Ausqualify for Atlanta," he said. feated Reading 2-0 in the league and 5-3 in the cup. tria's Gerhard Berger in his performance, leading 7-5 in "In any case Jo wanted to the final game against Anne play for England." the aim of settling in with etton-Renault. blieved to be committed to Cannock will also have to adjust for a rare outing on a It was out but now it's te Superleague. Nottingham ad Fife are thought likely to Wartingson (LS) to B Eleck (2m) 6-3
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LTHOUGH it would nings in Test match history, part-time team in their first be hard to tell from is in worryingly bad form. Mike Atherton's de It is not a recent streak, for meanour. which since he made 85 to provide than 100 Test wickets and angives away about as much as the foundation of the team's win in Bloemfontein - their 300. only one in the seven-match

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It was a mistake, partly be cause of the net effect on the bowling, which was to make

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Athletics Another Stern test

Stephen Bierley

pressure on your athletes, be it from parents, schools or coaches, is immense, Many, at the first hint of adversity, turn their backs on the sport and never return: a few nurture an abiding be-lief that a resurrection is

possible. One such is Britain's Vicky Stern, who will be running against France this afternoon in Glasgow

at the ripe old age of 27. Stern, nee Quinn, has been out of the sport for more than a decade, during which time she qualified as a nurse, married a doctor and produced twin boys. Now she is back with a

chance of representing Britain in the European Indoor Championships in Stockholm next month and perhaps gaining an Olym pic place. She returned last year, winning the Midland 800 metres title, and then recently captured the AAA indoor title, Stern, at 15, was told she

should take a year off be-cause of her injury prob-lems and she simply drifted away. "When, because of injury, I stopped winning races as a teenager, then my life ended."

Kelly Holmes, one of Britain's main medal hopes in Atlanta this summer, was similarly lost to the sport. although not for as long. Stern has gained motivation from this. "I looked back at the girls

I was running against when was 14 and none of them is competing now. After I had my children I realised it was now or never, and Kelly's success has been a tremendous inspiration."

Two weeks ago Stern was made pacemaker when Mo-zambique's Maria Mutola set a world 1,000m indoor best at Birmingham. Stern's running was spot on. Today she faces strong opposition from Patricla

One race can make all the difference to a young ath-lete's career, and Scotland's Alison Curbishley is still reveiling in the third place she gained behind her fellow Scot Melanie Neef and the Olympic champion Sally Gunnell in the AAA "I'm still up in the clouds and have been training off the back of that race," said Curbisbley, who today will partner Gunnell. Curbishley, aged 19, has been considered as a potential successor to Gunnell in the 400m hurdles but she too has been plagued by injury Gunnell will see today's race as another building block towards defending ber Olympic title. As for Curbishley, Atlanta is but a dream: "To get there would be unbelievable." Stern

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United strain Keegan nerves

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Martin Thorpe

T LAST Alex Ferguson has got what he wanted: Newcastle under pres sure. On Wednesday their Pre-miership lead was cut to six defeat of a year which began with the Manchester United manager eager to see how Kevin Keegan's side would stand up to a tight run-in. "Newcastle are bound to

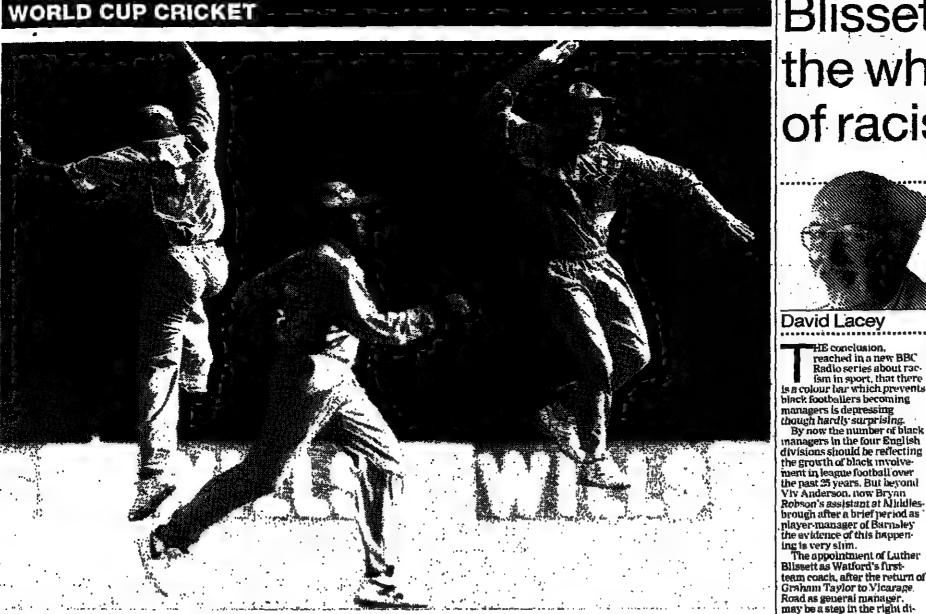
come in for a testing time soon," he said in January, "It's hell when you lose the title late." That was part kido-logy but also an acknowledgment of the power of pres-sure. It caused United to throw away the title to Leeds four years ago and Blackburn so nearly to toss it to United last season. It is now Newcas tle's turn to feel the strain.

Although Keegan's side have a game in hand, defeat at Manchester City today cou-pled with a United win at Bolton tomorrow would cut the lead to three points for United's visit to St James' Park on Monday week.

It is of course ironic that Manchester United are today looking to their local rivals for help. Ferguson trusting that City's instincts for Premiership survival will outweigh any reluctance to offer succour to Old Trafford.

"City seem to do us a big favour every year." said Fer-guson, "In the past they have beaten Leeds at a crucial time and drawn with Villa when we were competing with them in the championship. City won at Blackburn last season

to open things up. Hopefully they can do it again." If Keegan is looking for ex-perience of the run-in, Batty's arrival brings an abundance, for the spiky midfielder played in each of those titlewinning sides at Leeds and Blackburn, He will be in the



Early risers . . . Kenya players cavort with joy as the Australia captain and opener Mark Taylor is dismissed for six runs PHOTOGRAPH. SHAUN BOTTERILL

leap for mankind. According to the producer of Across The White Line, Blessett had ap-plied for 22 posts without get-**McDermott hurt in Waugh game**

Greg Baum in Yisakhapatnam

USTRALIA emerged yesterday on a Waugh footing, if not yet ready for all-out war. After weeks in noman's land, the World Cup favourites finally fired their

McDermott appears most unlikely to be fit for Tuesseven, beaten by 97 runs. For Australia it was a minor skirday's crucial group match against India in Bombay. The Australia captain Mark mish in distant parts; flercer battles in grander theatres lie just ahead. But there were as-Taylor said: "It's a recur-rence of the same injury he thought he'd got rid of. A pects to their play which might embolden future oppo-nents to think that all their

wicketkeeper-opener Kennedy Oteino threatened briefly to emulate the Waughs with a robust partnership of 102 in 72 minutes. Kenya were ing's blinding catch at point. ahead for 30 overs when com-

In the afternoon the Kenya (followed in the last six overs captain Maurice Odumbe and as Australia, with victory assured, sought to turn it into an applihilation. When Kenya replied. Steve

ask why a footballer of Blissett's background has to wait for his mentor to return to get But Odumbe and Oteino. paring the running scores but sensing Australian hesitancy, ultimately they lacked the hatting depth to sustain the and slow bowlers alike in a the chance to run a team.

Blissett blurs the white line of racism qualified, to be ignored. The need to cradicate rac-istr from tootball is supported



E conclusion, reached in a new BBC Radio series about rac-

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At best the situation is

damningly disproportionate.

If it is possible, in theory, to

pick a strong all-black Eng-

and team and still leave out

Andy Cole and John Barnes it

should not be unreasonable to

Old attitudes die hard. Tra-ditionally English football has been played by the working class and run by the merchant class, neither noted for abundant liberalism where race is concerned. The general ab-sence of black football manag-ers may simply reflect the socio-economie affitudes governing the country as a whole.

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Yet Brendon Batson, the Grenadan-bern former Arsenal defender, has been as-sistant secretary of the PFA for 12 years and for a time Garth Crooks was its chair-man. Iti addition black referees and linesmen are on the league list. The ethnic mix in English

football would be that much healthier for a stronger Asian involvement. But it has come a long way since The Encylo-paedia of Association Foot-ball, published 40 years ago. included a brief section under Coloured Players which omittesi Charile Williams, the Doncaster Rovers centre-half who later became a professional comedian. At least Williams encapsulated the spirit of the football manager even if he did not become one.

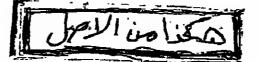
HE prevailing view among black football-ers that a black manager of a major club will not be seen in their lifetimes will alter only when attitudes change at board level. Given that some clubs contime to bar women from di-rectors' tea rooms, the process is likely to be slow.

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EW LABOUR is a new type of politics. It is about modernising Britain by building on its strengths. But modernisation

is about far more than red ound bites and packaging. It is about creating a new synthesis to which all of the centre and left can subscribe: Whereas the left desired equality of outcome and the right, individual freedom to do whatever they pleased, New Labour sets as its goal, real

New Labour's distinctive emphasis is on community. This is not a soft, romantic concept — old dears at bingo nights in draughty halls, or the world of the tightly-knit mining community that now is dying away. Community is a robust and powerful idea, and is at the heart of the stakeholder economy New Labour wishes to create. It means teamwork -working and acting together in companies, in local neighbour-hoods, in the country as a whole to get things done. It means mutuality — rights and

responsibilities going hand in hand. It means justice — that all interests are served, not just those of the rich and powerful. This concept of community is more than an individual obli-

gation to be kind, loving and charitable: First, everyone should have a stake in society and no one should be excluded from it. That is why the abolition of long-term unemployment is central to Labour policy. • Secondly, individuals can special privileges for nons.
Whereas the left appeared to not reach their full potential alone, and nor will the "free' market ensure it either. They need the opportunities that come from being part of a strong community that acts together to back up their efforts - for example, by ensuring a high-quality education system and a health service. Thirdly, rights carry with them obligations. Yes, young people have rights to a much wider range of opportunity, but with the backing of the wider community goes an obligation to the wider community. Yes, companies should enjoy the freedom to compete in a dyamic market, but along with that freedom goes responsi-bility to all their stakeholders - workers, shareholders, bankers, long-term subcontrac tors and customers. Voters want to know how much of a change New Labour represents from old Labour, and what that change means in practice. What has actually altered from the policy stances in the Bennite aberration of the late 1970s and the early 1960s? Or from the corporatist ap-proach of the Wilson and Callachan governments from 1974 to 1979? And from the governing philosophy of earlier Labour administrations? New Labour firmly rejects the notion that centralised planning and state control are the route to economic success. In practice, every past Labour government has wanted to see thriving private sector within a mixed economy. Neverthe-less, there are clear differences between past Labour govern-ments' view of the mixed economy and New Labour's com-



like the New Right, New Labour recognises that free markets do not automatically serve the public interest. Espeially where large investments are required, they may fail to deliver efficient outcomes; and left to themselves, markets tend to reinforce inequalities and may entrench privilege. Only in these circumstances hould markets be regulated. New Labour's belief in the dynamic market economy involves a recognition that personal incentives and rewards are necessary in order to en-courage risk-taking and entrepreneurialism, Profit is not a dirty word — profits are the motor of private enterprise. Differences in income and spending power are the inevita-ble consequence of markets. In the past, Labour only balf acknowledged this truth. In a gas ture towards equality, it imposed penal rates of tax. The party was pleased by these pub-lic gestures towards egalitarianism without appreciating the real economic consequence poor rewards for top salaried management — except for those who falt satisfied by their

mitment to the rigour of the

New Labour welcomes com-

dynamic market

Yet Labour, along with the Conservatives at the time, si-multaneously tolerated, without public fuss, relatively low taxation of capital gains, in order not to destroy the incentives for entrepreneurship alto-gether. So go-shead and enter-prising individuals

concentrated on share specula-tion in the City and on buying, developing and selling property -activities that promis large capital gains and were relatively lightly taxed. It was the

ward investors have so much to teach Britain.

Ever since the publication of Anthony Crosland's The Future Of Socialism, in 1956, social democrats in his tradi-tion have equated high levels of public spending with progress towards a more equal society. New Labour concurs with Cros-land that stronger public services are essential for the good of the individual and society as a whole, but it would not agree that one can measure progress towards equality by the proportion of gross domestic product accounted for by public expenditure. An over-mighty and

overly high-spending state is as much a barrier to Britain's success as a slimmed-down, minimalist state always deferring to crude market forces, New Labour emphatically

does not seek to provide centra-lised, "statist" solutions to every social and economic problem. Rather it aims to enble people to work together to achieve things for themselves and their fellow citizens. It is the job of the national government to set the right framework, not io run everything

Old Labour often found itself divided on Europe. The left had an instinctive dislike of what

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was felt to be a continental cartal of capitalist-oriented Chris-tian democrats. The Treaty of Rome was argued to be incompatible with Labour's am-bitions for more nationalisa

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argue for rights ponsibilities and the right that one was responsible for oneself alone, New Labour stresses the importance of mutual obligations. Whereas the left favoured.

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more public consumption and investment and the right more private consumption and investment, New Labour gives immediate priority to invest-ment — both public and private.

 Whereas some on the left wanted top-down centralised rules, administered by power ful bureaucracies, and the right anted to privatise everything public and leave the rest to the market, New Labour advocates diversity and decentralisation, with bottom-up solutions and public goals sometimes achieved by market means. Whereas the old left saw its job as representing trade unions, pressure groups and the working class, and the right saw its role as protecting the rich together with powerful corporate interests, New Labour stands for the ordinary families who work hard and

play by the rules. For New Labour the longterm interests of the country must take pride of place over short-term political pressures Putting the long-term first demands that political leaders must lead. They must be more honest with the voters and less pettily partisan with their op-ponents. They must welcome more open government and a more deliberative legislative style that ensures that new aws are made to last. New Labour must aim to construct broad coalition of centre and



The £5,000 public dowry that will give young couples a flying start

EW LABOUR's distinctive em-Phasis is on its concept of com-munity. Strong families are the ation of a strong community. Family breakdown is a symptom as well as a cause of a wider breakdown in society. The left-of-centre cannot be passive about these trends. Strengthen-ing the family has to be a number one social priority. Un

se about its fundamentalist associations has meant that in the past 20 years the left-of-centre has shunned the language of the family. New Labour, by contrast. recognises the importance of the family unit as a social institution for the proper bringing-up of children, where the difference be-tween right and wrong is learned, and where a sense of mutual obligation is founded and practised. The stronger

the bonds that tie the extended family together, the more the family will be able to contribute to the larger responsibilities of care across the generations. Committed relationships and mar-riage itself can and should be strength-

ned directly by public policy. One of the greatest sources of social unfairnew is the difference between those couples setting off in life with a flying financial start from their parents and grandparents, and those who have no such backing. Access to a lump sum of, say, £5.000 would make an enormous difference at that stage of life.

One option that Labour might inves-tigate would be the provision of medium-term, deferred repayment, inter-est-free loans to young couples without access to capital of their own — in effect a form of public dowry, available just

once in a lifetime. Eligibility for these soft loans would be assessed on a scale relating to the economic circu of the couples themselves, taking into account the net wealth of their parents. This would be rough justice for young couples with well-off parents

who refuse them assistance, but this would be no different to the similar situation which currently exists with student support. Marriage would be the simplest test of eligibility; it would be for consideration whether to extend the scheme to couples who affirm a long-term commitment to each other but who, for reasons of their own, reject the

Such an arrangement, which could be dubbed Getting Off to a Good Start, would be run by the building societies Continued on page 15

nefficiency and hypocrisy, deterring careers in management and damaging economic growth --- and New Labour will have none of it.

confuse symbols with reality. It New Labour does not regard knows that in the modern public ownership of industry as world it is only through Brit-ain's committed participation cessary in order to manage the economy. The all-embracin the European Union that we ing commitment to nationalcan regain true sovereignty -in other words, the political isation in the infamous Clause IV of Labour's 1918 constituability to tackle problems in the tion gave the unfortunate impublic interest — over many pression that Labour favoured public ownership on principle ssues which have slipped beyond the nation state's individ-But times change, and we ual reach. Opponents claim that the

must learn from experience and live in the world as it now s. The truth is that the record of the old nationalised industries was at best patchy. New Labour believes that the social objectives which once led to the in a long line of ethical socialist thinking. But we do not stop at call for the utilities to be nationalised can in today's cirthat. We know that we live in cumstances be met through the new global economy and that there is no alternative to more effective regulation. The New Labour agenda focuses on that. We stand for a strong soci-ety and an efficient economy reform of regulation in order to prevent monopoly abuse and to fulfil broader social objectives. because we need both, and each needs the other. That is the es-New Labour believes that in a modern economy an efficient Nation policies and the princiworkforce must be motivated well-educated and treated as

ple of the stakeholder economy. partners in the enterprise. There is no place for the out-dated view of the relationship The Blair Revolution - can New Labour deliver? by Peter Mandelson and Roger Liddle is between employer and empublished next week by Faber, ployee as one of master and price £7.99 servant, or for institutional Peter Mandelson is Labour MP conflict between unions and for Hartiepool and chairman of abour's general election management. New Labour stands on the side of the egaliplanning. Roger Liddle is tarian style of management about which Far Eastern inanaging director of Prima Europe, public policy consultants

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The new lottery bonanza

HE Government is about to embark on a programme of Keynesian public works to stimulate the economy and, as a possible byproduct, to improve the feelgood factor in the run-up to the election. It is never presented like this, of course, but that is essentially what is happening with the proceeds of the lottery, the economic effects of which have received surprisingly little scrutiny. Some of the grandest projects were announced this week including: confirmation that London will host the £700 million millennium celebrations at Greenwich: that Salford will get a £127 million cultural centre dedicated to LS Lowry and that Cardiff Arms Park will be developed into a stadium for the next century. This has made up for the disappointment in Wales when proposals for a new opera house in Cardiff were turned down.

So far the effect of the lottery on the economy has been negative. Tens of mil-lions of punters buy tickets every week rather than spend money on something else, thereby lowering retail sales. But soon that money will be converted from consumption into capital expenditure. It will start to be spent on the biggest rolling programme of projects ever known in this country.

At present only 260 million out of £1.1 billion allocated for expenditure is actually being spent, but this will now start to change quite rapidly. It is reckoned that at least £9 billion will be made available over the next seven years. This understates what will actually happen because it is a condition of many of the projects that partnership funds are raised from other sources. It is reckoned that for every £1 raised about £1.60 is found from other sources. In the case of the Greenwich Millennium Exhibition the leverage is even greater. The lottery is giving £200 million, leaving the remaining £500 million to be raised from industry and other sources in the form of equity and sponsorship deals.

The economic effect doesn't end there because the Millennium Exhibition is bound to attract to this country and to London tourists who would otherwise not have come. They in turn will spend money on other things such as hotel rooms, food, souvenirs and transport, thereby having a multiplying effect on the rest of the economy. Many of them will also travel to other parts of the country, quite possibly taking in the Lowry gallery and other lottery projects as well. Some bright spark will doubtless dream up a scheme to take visitors from abroad on a dedicated package tour of all the large lottery sites (suitably funded by a lottery grant).

The biggest threat to the lottery's success is that the requirement to find

partnership funds may rebound on itself. As Sadler's Wells in London knows to its cost, corporate munificence is finite. The historic Islington theatre won a £30 million lottery grant but so far has raised only £2 million out of £9.5 million of private funding needed. Faced with competition from Covent Garden and the new Tate Gallery of Modern Art at Bankside, the theatre is experiencing the reality of donor fatigue.

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Since the distribution of lottery money could in theory carry on year in, year out for decades to come, it will have a truly dramatic effect on Britain's cultural and social infrastructure. It will quite possibly be the single biggest thing by which posterity will remember John Major's administration. Mrs Thatcher wouldn't give the proposal house room on the grounds that not only was it gambling, but state-sponsored to boot.

Equally interesting is whether lottery projects will help to keep Mr Major's hopes of staying in power alive. If the Government manages to avoid defeat in the House of Commons and struggles on until the spring of next year then the explosion of lottery projects of all sizes up and down the country - from the new village hall to the Millennium Exhibition — will help to contribute to the "feelgood factor", along with an expected rise in real incomes and a string of windfall capital gains from building society. mergers and electricity rebates. This doesn't guarantee that the Government's popularity will rise, but it does give ministers something to cling on to. These days politics, like life, is increasingly becoming a bit of a lottery.

Going vertical in Bosnia

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ARL BILDT, the international medi-Vator for Bosnia, has given a gloomy picture of the prospects of a real return to communal peace. Viewing the Sarajevo suburb of Vogosca, where fleeing Serbs have trashed their houses and public utilities behind them, he warned that ethnic separatism now "could have repercussions for the whole of Boshia in the future". The precedent now being created in Vogosca, the first of five suburbs being transferred from the Bosnian Serb republic to the Muslim-Croat federation under the terms of the Dayton agreement, is deeply depressing. Most of the Serb community has fled in fear of reprisals. Members of the International Police Task Force (IPTF) have been too thin on the ground and their role is limited to unarmed supervision. Mr Budi's forecast is unlikely to be wrong but no

one should be surprised by it, either. Pictures on television of helpless IPTF monitors, besieged by angry local Serbs, may convey the impression that the civilian side of the international (no longer strictly speaking UN) effort in Bosnia has failed again. But the logic of ethnic separation was built in from the start to the Dayton Agreement, which creates two separate states while pretending that they are still one nation. Dayton has merely confirmed — with some modifications on the map — a division built on ethnic lines which the in-

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ternational powers had been pressing on

Boshia for several years. Making progress in Bosnia is bound to be hard, whether on the civilian or military level. Last weekend's Rome military level. summit was designed to bang heads together with the full implied weight of US diplomacy and Nato commitment behand it. Yet the Bosnian Serb boycott of military contacts with Nato officials continued much to the embarrassment of the Nato ground forces commander. It is also clear that General Ratko Mladic remains defiantly in charge of military operations. On the Sarajevo government side, nothing has been done to create confidence among the Serbs of safety in the transferred suburbs. Yesterday federation police were already breaking rules agreed with IPTF by setting up checkpoints to the alarm of the local Serbs.

All of this only underlines the obvious: rebuilding Bosnia is not just an uphill struggle but an almost vertical climb and it will take twice as long as the most pessimistic prediction. Yesterday John Major voiced doubts as to whether the peacekeepers in Bosnia could achieve their task by the end of the year when, he said, it was "generally expected" that the force would leave. That expectation, imposed on the whole peace effort by do-mestic US considerations, has been problematic from the start. Mr Major went further by declaring that he did not think the US troops could or should leave unilaterally. This more realistic approach should be encouraged on all fronts: the commitment to Bosnia, whether military, political or economic, is long-term or it is not worth making.



Cars don't kill that many people in Europe and Amer-ica because they have been separated from people and to some extent from each other. As car manufacturers move into Asian markets, where they expect to find most of the business that will keep them going in the next 20 years, ac-cident rates are approaching massacre levels. In Vietnam, nassarre nevers. In vietnam, for instance, with 300,000 cars on the roads, there are 5,000 road deaths a year — peas-ants mown down by trucks or tipped by the busful into rivers and ravines. if we export technology without its safety infrastruc-ture, the developing world ex-ports its standards to us, in the form, for instance, of

some of the ships and crews who carry goods to our shores. More generally, our demand quickens their scon omies, increasing the rate of accident there, while their low costs put pressure on our costs at home, increasing the rates of achident here.

Corruption thrives on the leeble attempts at regulation. In China there were arrests after 325 people died in a cin-ensatire. In Seoul, city off-charges they took wibes to involve the forther to a set of the set overlook safety violations after a department store colapsed in June last year, killing 458 people and injuring 900. But treating accidents as crimes, while ignoring the

is not effective policy.

HERE has been a

movement from class

society, Beck argues

where the principal preoccupation is

On guard, M Chirac that most "professional" of all France's military units, the



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TISN'T often that this column has advice for a president of the French Republic, but Jacques Chir-ac's announcement that he is belishing compulsory military service — something which has survived in France since revolutionary times moves me to do so. I think he should be careful. Chirac's plan --- unexpectedly flattering to us Brits — is that

dreadful truth. But this Bertie Woostercharacter exactly fits the kind of person who is presented as the main justification for the France needs an entirely pro-

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Accidents such as the Sea Empress are an inevitable part of modern life. But, says MARTIN WOOLLACOTT, they leave deeper psychological scars that we might imagine. Illustration: PETER TILL

CCIDENTS have be come one of the main ways the modern world measures civilisation. As the Sea Engress crashed on and off Welsh rocks this week, we were all engaged in a familiar calculation. Underneath nnger and regret about any particular accident is the bigger question of who is safe and Who is not.

Societies like our own fear regression to a time when risk was constant and loss of life and property a regular occur-rence. They fear relegation to the level of poorer societies who experience just that today. The famous journalis-tic rule of thumb — two dead

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pect from the capital, the

art critic of the London Eve-

ning Standard, Brian Sew-

ell. condemns the award of

in Putney is worth as much space as 200 dead in the Phillippines — is not an index of racism or proximity. It recog-nises the difference between societies dominated by wants and those dominated by worry, between societies who cannot pay enough for safety and those who can. The biggest worry of all, for those in the second category, is that

they are slipping back into the The flurry of blame that surrounds every accident in the West can sometimes seem mindless. It is also true that some safety standards in the advanced world have been improving. The number of oil spills, for instance, has been

falling for 20 years and even though it is now climbing scheme. The world economy's most distinctive characteristic is the ever increasing rate again, it is still lower than before. But what has happened it that our view of accidents, all at which goods, people, and information are shifted round the way from the single child the world. The message that killed on the road to the hun-dreds of thousands damaged travel is safe is constantly repeated. The idea of safe movement reached its apogee in Star Trek, where a group of by Chernobyl, has changed. Safety stands higher with us than it did, and the balance men and women in romper around the universe in a large and comfortably furnished liv-ing room. Enterprise has very between benefits and dangers is perceived in a different way. The German sociologist Ulrich Beck has charted this shift to what he calls the "risk nice fitted carpets and never society". We are beginning to care more about safety than has an accident, except when aliens interfere. The truth we recognise in about material goods or their

more realistic moments is that Accident strikes at our past. there is a trade-off between the cheapness of mass mobilour present and our future. Accidents that involve loss of ity and its safety. All forms of life strike at the present. transport are in financial cri-Those that destroy valued ob-jects — a castle in Windsor. an sia. Car manufacturers struggle for new markets in opera house in Venice, a fam-ous old wooden bridge in Switthe Bast. Airlines teeter on th edge. Aerospace firms fight for their lives. Shipbuilding zerland — strike at our links firms are threatened species with the past. Those that damage the environment, like the wreck of the Sea Empress, Railways clutch at viability,

in or out of state hands. We are in the strange position that one of the most dangerous pro cesses in which we engage,

the volume movement of people and things, is financially a close-run thing, where costs are constantly being shaved and safety considerations put under pressure

Kuan Yew set up one of his tours of Africa some years ago not according to the shortest distances or the quickest connections but on the basis of the afety records of the African airlines involved. In an age of mass tourism, we all know the feeling.

We may worry about coach crashes in Europe, what will happen to safety standards on the railway in Britain after privatisation, or why, in the United States, equipment failures caused air traffic control breakdowns at least 11 times in 1994-95. But the accident rates in developing countries are borrendous and are get-ting worse as their economies grow and enter into deeper relationships with the West. Death tolls in the hundreds -300 killed in an Indian rail crash last summer. 400 in a Phillippines ferry wreck ---are routine.

equality, to the risk society, whose "basis and notive force is safety". But he adds that old judgments of utility, profit and advantage persist, and it remains unclear whether what he calls the 'solidarity of anxiety" will prevail over individual calcu lations. It is this unknown, whether we will shape our societies so that we can all avoid dangers or whether they will be split into groups It is said that officials of Lea

competitively seeking safety on their own terms, that looms behind every major accident The inhpact of those accidents, as they take lives or livelihoods or damage what is left of the natural world, is more than the sum of individual grief. In the faces of survi-vors and the bereaved, from Bhopal to Bijlmermeer, can be seen shock at being thrust out of the circle of safety, a shock from which many never recover. When an explosion destroys a building and a bomb is suspected it is sometimes announced that, after all, it was "only" an acci dent. In fact the accident is more truly shocking, since a bomb is destruction by inten while an accident represents a greater loss of human control and a more fundamental

<u>18] army just like ours</u> But this idea suffers from one very serious defect: unlike our soldiers, the French military isn't accustomed to staying out of politics. French democrats shouldn't forget that the Fourth Republic was de-stroyed and General de Gaulie brought to power by politically-minded soldiers. And in case some Gaullist enthusiasts see that as a recommendation for military intervention. the general also came close to being deposed by the same politically-minded soldiers only a few years later. In effect, he was put into the Elysee by generals and colonels who expected him to

carry on with the murderous war to keep Algeria French. When they discovered that he had double-crossed them. and intended to give the the Algerians their independence. they attempted a second coup. I was in Algiers at the time, and I saw what happened. These "professional" officers, most of whom were in on the plot, ordered their soldiers to seize strategic points. The soldiers, most of whom were conscripts, didn't just refuse — in cany cases they arrested their mutinous officers. This was the main reason

why the attempted coup failed. In effect, the Fifth Republic and French democracy was saved by the teenagers of "le contingent", as the call-up boys are called in France. The professional army was on the other side — and especially

man's agreement, reached

parliamentary survival of hereditary peers. Like they say, he got into the corridors of power much earlier than lected politicians, let alone life peers. And we are expected to be pleased about this.

Haven. Perhaps the only one is that it finally puts the skids

under the Tory Party's de-fence of the House of Lords, and in perticular its attach-

The performance of the very junior transport minister sent down to oversee the salvage

operation has, in most people's perception, been lamentable.

Worse, he has even attempted

silly witticians at press con-ferences, while the nation's TV

screens were recording the

ment to hereditary peers.

For the Viscount Goschen. parliamentary secretary at the Department of Transport. was born in 1965. He was pollvaulted into parliament by the early death of his father. Because he is young and thrusting (unlike his superan-nuated colleagues) be seemed suitable for ministerial office. And he has made a complete cock of it. So much for the hereditary principle.

NOT even Ann Widdecombe. woman who makes Michael Howard look wet, has atempted to defend the release of fraudster Peter Clowes after only four years of a 10year sentence. Looking like the Black Avenger, she went on telly to bewail the event on behalf of the Home Office.

So why did it happen? Alas, she explained, it was the fault. of the law as it currently stood. Which sounded fine until one remembered that her lot have been making the laws for 17 years,

MY favourite boozer, the Prince of Wales in Highgate, often gets letters addressed i "The Prince of Wales, Highgrove, England". Now we look forward to getting Charles's email too. It's become the first pub in England to go on the Internet.

strike at the future, Accidents of mobility have a special place in this dismal 664 million of lottery loot to (ter): that it boasts its own cathedral and university. create a cultural complex in honouring L S Lowry

has established in Salford Lowry representing Man-chester, this posturer Quays a model of waterside redevelopment which pouts, is "plain, barking luothers have cribbed, and is nacy". When will southern-ers learn that Salford. host to the only Rugby league team to have beater though part of Greater Wigan in cup competition Manchester, is not part of Manchester but a separate in eight years. Then I guess to the cheers of the 229,000 population, they would boot city with its own treasured history? Were Sewell now the protesting aesthete into the Ship Canal. to show his face in that city. which if he has any sense he

distribution.

C MALLWEED'S nomiwill not, he would promptly Scott as Britain's first be set upon by Salfordians. who would tell him that Salpresident, is bereby withford is older than Manchester. having got its charter drawn. Not because he earlier. opened the first free public library and created failed to hand out findings in soundbites. What he did the first smokeless zone: was to say to Parliament: that it's the birthplace of, you are grown-up people; among others, the physicist you are there to police the Joule, the actor Albert Fin-Executive: this is what the Executive has been up to; if ney and the (Manchester) footballer Ryan Giggs. and you don't like what I've the terminus of the Manrevealed, action is up to chester Ship Canal (which you. Accordingly MPs have never sets foot in Manches-

afterwards to vote on the issues of Parliamentary supremacy which so many are always on about. Very few will, but that's their fault, not Scott's.

No, his fault is his double negatives. Since the President will be above politics, there may not be much he can meaningfully say. But we can't afford to begin our lives as Republicans with a head of state who on great occasions is likely to say: We in Britain do not wish

not to build a better, more prosperous society". Or: "If this country fails to fail to stand up for anything. it does not fail to fall to stand up for an absence of indecency, and a sense of not uncommon avoidance of purposelessness." I have toyed with transferring sup port to Dr David Butler. who has just demonstrated how resignation on a point of principle can change the chance on Monday and things for the better.

Though some reports yes-terday failed to credit him. the decision of the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club to abandon its sexist practices is Dr Butler's achievement. He deserves a life peerage at least

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dromes in British sporting.

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e richly rewarded by Smallweed: with a ticket to Wednesday's game between Cowdenbeath and Livingston, perhaps. Slogle the coverage of A Princess Diana's visit to Pakistan, I catch

lack of foresight.

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myself meditating that it's all a further campaigning ploy in what I am coming to see as the Monarchical Party primaries, in which Diana is Pat Buchanan and poor old Prince Charles looks more and more like Bob Dole. Is this because a) Smallweed has read too many reports from New Hampshire? b) I'm a foul old cynic? or c) I'm a realist?

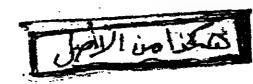
HE TORY MP David Lightbown died after the university rugby match, which is always played in the first week of. December. Under a gentle-

when Francis Pym was Chief Whip, the main parties undertake to fill parliamentary vacancies within three months of the leath of a sitting member, According to Smallweed's famously fallible arithme tic, three months from the first week of December is the first week of March, so the writ should have been moved at the very latest by the day before vesterday. What does this tell us, I wonder, about the maintenance of gentlemanly standards in

our governing party? SCHOLARLY letter A from Southampton points out that the Beachcomber column in the Daily Express was called "By The Way" and not Beachcomber, and adds that before J B Morton made it his own, it was written by D B Wyndham Lewis. It also asks whether the Pedant

who sometimes invades these proceedings is the progeny of the Produces who persecuted Beachcomber in much the same ray. As an old Beachcomber addict, Smallweed is not unaware that this may be not be entirely impossible. A pedant writes: You're as bad as Sir Richard Scott. Smallweed wearily ripostes You're as bad as Prodnose

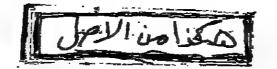
THAD somehow escaped my notice until yesterday, when Gwenneth Bransby-Zachary of GBZ Management, who's his agent, revealed it in the Times, that the Royal Academy of Music has on the sayroll a Professor of , Accordion Studies. Is there any field of human endeavour, I wonder, which no longer has a professor?) Such titles have such a haunting music about them that I think I might start an collection.



ITH mounding exw citement, Smallweed read this week that the manager of Leeds United, Howard Wilkinson,

boah was signed, should the footballer incur his manager's wrath it was possible that Wilkinson might address him as follows: "Hal Obey, Yeboah": thus coin-

was greatly displeased with his talented (but lately less fecund) Ghanaian striker, Tony Yeboah, because of the player's allegedly late return from the African championships. As pointed out in this column when Ye-





Tending the faithful ... Monsignor Michael Buckley, questioned about sex allegations by the police and later released, is a flamboyant man with a reputation for faith healing and homespun philosophy

Confessions of a priest

Two priests have recently been cleared in sex scandals. MADELEINE BUNTING reports on how those involved have fought back and how, in this country at least, the Catholic Church is responding when allegations are made

N THE past week, three Catholic priests have returned to their pulpits after having been named in scandals. But once alle-

gations of impropriety have besmirched a priest's reputation, can be ever recover? This is the question being pondered this weekend by two English priests, Fr Michael Hollings and Monsi-gnor Michael Buckley, and an Irish bishop, the Rt Rev Bren-dan Comiskey. Bishop Comiskey brazened

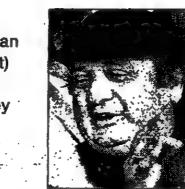
out his return from a drying-out clinic in Florida with a 10N.8.02 40in Enniscorthy Cathedral packed with sympathisers on how "pedestals are the ioneliest places", that his alcoholism stemmed from his "desperate need for genuine love and affection" and "I made mistakes" over the handling of cases of child sex abuse perpetrated by priests. Since then he has been closeted with public relations advisors and solicitors devising a damage limitation strategy to win round a disgruntled diocese While Ireland wrestles with Comiskey's future - and it is still by no means certain he won't follow Eamonn Casey now known as one Padre Eduardo in Ecuador - into exile, the English church hierarchy has breathed a sigh of collective relief. Allecations of sexual offences against two of the most popular and high-profile figures in the English church have been dropped by the police: Fr Michael Hollings, a parish priest in Bayswater, London, and author of

dozens of books, and Monsignor Michael Buckley, a col-umnist on the Catholic tabloid, the Universe. Cardinal Basil Hume told arishiopers at mass at St

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Mary of the Angels church in Bayswater last Sunday that the 74-year-old Fr Hollings was to be reinstated after a period of administrative leave. "The police have decided that they have no basis for any action to be taken," said Cardinal Hume, adding: "I would like to pay tribute to Fr Michsel for the outstanding work he had done over the years.

Ireland's **Bishop Brendan** Comiskey (left) may follow Eamonn Casey (right)-now in Ecuador into exile



proved guiltier. In the murky area of child sex abuse allegations, where so few cases can be proved and where usually i s one person's word against another with no corroborator evidence. It is very hard for any priest ever to clear his name once an allegation has been made. Some of the mud sticks.

The fact that the police or the Crown Prosecution Service has dropped charges is not proof that an event did not han pen, only that they are not confident of being able to get a successful prosecution. This

"From my limited knowledge I would bazard the guess that there are many, many men and women who are most deeply devoted to the young and who never fail from high standards of morality in their regard but are neverthele consciously or subconsciously, motivated by sex, at least in part. Now this is good, not bad; it is part of human motivation. It is not to be

A new partnership needs to be developed between the family, the financial institutions and the state to help people cope flexibly with the

the extended family. Many

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Public dowry for young

> Continued from page 13 and mortgage lenders, who have extensive experience of assessing a couple's finan-cial position as part of the process of awarding a mort-gage. There would of course be some net cost as a result of deferred loan repayments This would need to be met by the government, which would make non-interestbearing deposits with mort-gage lenders in order to match the liabilities attached to the loans.

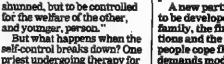
The limited public-expen-niture cost of this innovative scheme to spread wealth, and strengthen the family by and strengthen me tanny of doing so, would be financed through the proceeds of tighter inheritance taxation on the wealthiest. To those who argue that such a scheme would discriminate against the single, there is a ready response. Such a scheme would not simply be to the benefit of the couples receiving the soft loans. The reinforcement of marriage and the family that it would

provide among the less well off --- where these foundations of social stability are most under pressure — would be of benefit to society as a whole.

Some left-wing critics would argue that emphasis on the social role of the extended family is a cop-out. The state in one form or another should accept the responsibilities involved. But this argument falls down on several counts. For one thing, informal care by one member of a family for another is already the main-stay of social support in this country. The main issue in and give them practical support in this role. This is what people want. The role of the state is as provider of last

The tax and spend implica tions of any other strategy would be quite unsupport-able. The thrust of policy should be to strengthen the family's capacity to cope, while recognising that govrnment should play a vital role in underpinning family support where people cannot do so. The tax system must be reformed in order to retoforce the extended family and facilitate mutual support

resort.



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88211 ment from the highest eche-lons of the church, which has always had a deep admiration for Fr Hollings's impeccable establishment credentials — Coldstream Guards, MC, MBE -combined with his radical. spiritual integrity. He has pro-gressive attitudes towards the ordination of women and married priests, but he is most fam-ous for his 24-hour opendoor policy at the presbytery for "ladies and gentlemen of the street" as he delicately describes them. The congregation burst into a round of applause at the news of his return. Many had

refused to question Fr Hol-lings's integrity, despite what appeared to be an admission in a story printed in the News of the World last September. When confronted by the newspaper journalist and the man he was alleged to have sexually malested more than two decades ago, Fr Hollings was quoted as admitting he had taken advantage and saying:

did. Accept I wanted to help, not harm you.' One of his staunchest allies was his cousin and old friend. the Duke of Norfolk, and Fr Hollings has spent some of the last few months at the duke's. home. Arundel Castle. But the experience has reportedly left him "shattered". There are rumours of parishioners demanding an inquiry, angry at how this elderly man, only a few months before he is due to retire, was forced through such a humiliating experience Fr Hollings, burnt by his brush with the press, is keeping a low profile and getting back to his parochial duties. If Fr Hollings represents that brand of Catholicism which has sought to win accep tance from the English establishment, then Monsignor Buckley is its antithesis. A flamboyant man with a reput tion for faith healing which has apparently done wonders for Mandy Smith and Pat Cash be is something of a thorn in

weekly column, he offers to "heal the hurt that runs so deep" with homespun philoso-phy such as: "Take large doses of undiluted hope." Characteristically, 71-yeard Mgr Buckley has bounced back from his ordeal --- police took him in for questioning last month and his name was leaked to newspapers. Splashed across the loyal Uni-verse last weekend was his decaration of war on all those who put him through the humiliation, declaring plans to set up a group to help priest who are the subject of false allegations, and to sue the Catholic Herald and other newspapers for alleging "a 20ear history of sex crimes". The Hollings and Buckley s leave the English Catho lic Church with some tricky questions. It has watched with horror the scandals unfolding in Ireland and north America;

the Church set in place strin-gent guidelines in 1994; allega tions must be reported to the police immediately without in forming the priest involved; the Church cannot undertake any investigations; as soon as allegations have been made, the priest must be removed from the parish and placed on dministrative leave. Stich provisions have left priests feeling exposed and un-supported by the Church, and it is this feeling which Mgr Buckley is planning to tap. It emerged at the National Con-ference of Priests last Septem-ber when a unching recent ber, when a motion was proposed asking that "adequate safeguards be given to protect priests from the consequences of false accusations" was only narrowly defeated. Few riests want publicly to argue this point, fearful of being accused of special pleading. But there is a groundswell of concern that the pendulum has swung too far against them. Priests are now guilty until

es der indow at doubt needs to be addressed by the bishops, urged the Catholic weekly, the Tablet, this week, commenting on the Hollings and Buckley Priests are particularly vulnerable to false allegations in the first place, argues Peter Stanford, former editor of the Catholic Herald, adding: "The

single man is always suspect in our society. Now there's a feeling of uncertainty that it's a bit like the National Lottery. Suspicion could suddenly fall on you." Involvement with children is an inescapable part of perochial duties: now priests are advised never to be alone with a child, making events such as confession awkward. What fuels a beightened suspicion of priests is a well estab-lished literature on how unresolved many priests' sexuality is. In a book Fr Hollings wrote some time ago called The Pas-toral Care Of Homosexuals, he raised the issue with shrewd. perception, emphasising the importance of self-control.

lest undergoing therapy for child sex abuse while he was awaiting his trial made an extraordinary and chilling comment: "One of my motive for going into the priesthood was that I thought celibacy would protect me from this ten dency which I recognised in myself [paedophilia] and if it didn't, the Church would protect me." in Ireland, protection often turned out to be cover-up and one of the most pressing issues Bishop Comiskey will have to address is his "mistakes" in 🕘 handling child abuse cases. In Encland, the line from the top is clear, children must come first. If that means the risk of shattering an old priest's life then so be it; it is the price of Imperfect human justice, says Nicholas Coote, assistant gen-

ting on significant equity capital tied up in bricks and morter. That capital should at least in part be mobilised to spread wealth between a family's generations — to pay for long-term care for the very elderly, to invest in their children's or grandchildren's education and training, to give young people a better start to married life. Perhaps a new form of savings contract may be needed between the generations parents promising to help young adults today in return for contractual saving by their children to help with eral secretary to the Catholic Bishops' Conference. "You their parents' old age. Order The Blair Revolution just have to take on board the with free delivery, by sending a risks of false accusations. It is cheque for £7.99 made out to Guardian Books at 29 Pall Mall just as awful to disbelieve a Deposit, London W106BL or child as it is to falsely accuse a Freephone 0500 418 419

A massive failure to Press the point



Martin Kettle

F THERE were any justice in the world, the Govern-ment would be defeated over the Scott Report on Monday, And if they did not resign there and then, there would be a confidence motion on Tuesday, and they would lose that too. And on Wednes-day, John Major would tell the Cabinet that he was asking for a dissolution. There would be a general election on March 28. Tony Blair would be prime minister by Easter.

If only. I'm not saying that all this can't happen. It can, and you can't rule it out. But whether it will is another matter. It all comes down to the numbers. Can the Opposition really get all the non-Conservatives into the lobbies at 10 on Monday evening, and can a handful of Tories be personaled to join

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Peter Thurnham in not supporting the Government as well, even though such a revolt may end in the Tory party's electoral defeat? In other words, don't hold your breath.

But whose fault will it be if the Conservatives survive? There will be many suspects. Some will pin the offence on the wicked government machine, which used its eight days advance notice of the report to concoct a version which it has sold with ruthless and powerful effect ever since. Others will blame the stubborn political reality of the turkeys and Christmas syndrome, which means that no one on the Government side wants to live with the label of being The Man Who Brought Down The Last Conservative Government. Many will blame the sainfly

Sir Richard Scott, for producing an extravagantly lengthy report which few have read and which has inconveniently acquired the reputation of being all things to all men, having something for everyone and generally not quite putting the ball in the back of the net. Subtler minds will fin-ger Sir Robin Butler, first for deluging the inquiry with more paper than it could possihis reduce to simple conclu-

sions, and then for renegotiat ing Scott's draft into a document which, in spite of this week's disclaimers, the Government could parade as a vindication.

People who stand back from these things will tell us that the failure lies in the parlia-mentary system itself. Parliament used to be a place of honour and independence, they say (but tell that to Sir Lewis Namier), in which incorrupt-ible beckbenchere defied the whites when a matter of princi ple was at stake, and where ministers resigned in manly shame, the moment they may led the House. If standards had not been allowed to slip, the argument runs, parliament would have remained sover-. eign, self-regulating and, above all, the effective heart of

the constitution. Yet, if Parliament is failing to do its job, what about the press? No one has seriously pointed the finger our way yet No one outside the Labour leadership, that is. For electoral reasons. Labour wants to be friends with the press at the moment. But relations have been slowly souring all year. And the role of the media (nallegedly playing the Government's game over Scott is now a source of real. contempt and anger in high

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Labour circles. The case against the media is as fol-lows. First, that it built up excessive expectations about what Scott would say and the damage it would do, so that the actual report was an anti-cli-max. Second, that it fell for the Government's lies on the day it was published. Third, that it then spent more time report-ing the Government's media coup than it did in actually reading the report. Fourth. that even after the report was published, it accepted the Government's claims that the story has peaked. Fifth, that it therefore lost interest in Scott itself and even today is only interested in the result of

the price to the Church in rep-

have been enormous. Eager to

utation and compensation

Monday's vote. Finally, and embracing all the foregoing, that it hasn't bothered to read the report. You don't need a doctorate

in psychology to recognise

that there is an element of blaming the messenger for bringing bad news here. And if the press built Scott up in advance, and was fixated on the Government's media spinning operation, or failed to read the report property, then surely these same charges car all be proved against Opposition MPs too? That is true too. You could even add that for Labour to go round complaining that the story has been allowed to go off the boil is an admission that it has. But

even so, the charges cannot be so easily dismissed. In among the media's less high-minded claims about ourselves, we all like to be seen as truth-seekers. Investigative journalism may be as fashionable as tie-dyed Tshirts these days, but it is still a rare journalist who does not in some way believe that the

press has a duty to ensure that lies are exposed. Yet, with a few distinguished exceptions most of us have not made as much effort as we should hav over Scott. Collectively we stand accused of laziness treating it as a one-day wonder and not hurrowing more assiduously into the mass of lies documented in the report.

ESI know all the excuses. Only a magician could turn the whole of Scott's 2,000 pages into a few punchy newspaper pages within a matter of hours. I accept that we did our neglect of Scott's text and revbest. Only the Memory Man could expect to rebut every lie elations are striking, nevertheless, especially given the the Government has gone on claums we make and the public telling about the report's find-ings this week. And Scott himposition we crave. Why, for example, has the self did the backs few favours television not produced a more systematic explanation of by producing so many pages and nuanced conclusions and Scott's findings? Why have so

expecting anyone to make sense of it all. many newspapers - though not this one - reduced Scott to Even so, and with all that said. I think the press — and the broadcasting media in the odd down-page story about whether this or that MP is

priest".

wavering? Is it because all the particular - have let the story questions arising from the go too quickly and too lazily. report have been asked? Of principally because it is too much trouble to follow it course not. Why has Labour had to do so much of the dig-ging that the press should have been doing itself? Why have through. In a world of dimin-ishing literacy, in which people apparently do not read government departments been anything any longer, it is per-baps unreasonable to expect journalists any more than given an easy time? Where is Alan Clark and why hasn't he been carved into pieces about anyone else to read Scott's hundreds of densely argued the report? We, in the media, spend a lot pages. But the media's relativ

of time berating politicians for this or that failing, often with reason. But we have a lot to answer for about Scott ourselves. We haven't stuck at it. We haven't played our part. If the Government survives, it is partly our fault. Not that we're duplicitous, you understand. Merely idle.



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16 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Ship of oil and fools

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HREE years ago, the junior pupils of my school wrote to Lord Caithness, then the Minister for Shipping, to voice their concern at the environmental disaster caused by the oil tanker Braer. Watching the tankers passing the window of our classroom, they had become aware that this was a problem they could face one day. They received a reply which assured an inquiry and every possible measure to make our waterways safe.

Last autumn, they watched the Borga stranded on the cliffs at Mill Bay, feeling safe that the double hull had worked. Last Friday morning, the feeling of safety and security was shattered: these tankers. it transpired, are not all double-hulled. There are not so many tugs available now as there

used to be. I wonder if Lord Goschen could help me plan my assembly for Monday. What will I say? We have all spent the last week watching our environment and economy being destroved. It has been like slow torture, the false confidence of those in charge, the feelings that the action taken was again for monetary ends. not for con-cern for the environment.

It will not be enough to tell the children that everyone on the ship worked hard to save it. nor that the salvage team were working against difficult weather. They will see the dead and dying birds; they will miss the crab in the rockpools next summer; they will play on the all-soaked beaches.

After this week. there are few people in this area who will trust the Government to make decisions which will protect us and our environment. as far as possible, against pol-lutants, Lord Goschen can be assured of one thing. He will be receiving a set of letters from the pupils of Dale School next week. We will not give up on our world. Vai Scuriock.

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Dale County Primary School, Dale, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA62 3QZ.

F KILLING birds and fish is an environmental disaster. then nature is the biggest culprit. The horrified reactions to the latest spillage only highlight the morbid culture of our times: an atmosphere in which every problem seems to be inflated into a disaster, and the blame is always laid at the door of human intervention in nature. Meanwhile, a real scandal - that lives are daily put at risk by sub-standard ships and inadequately-funded

out Britain. Some hospitals, local authorities and police forces still have to fall back on a cook, a porter or anyone they can find in an emergency. More and more public agencies are now following the example of the increasing number of those who have used Language Line and its telephone interpreters in 140 languages, who are at the service of subscribers within a minute or so of

being called. If the coastguards had used Language Line they could have been in immediate communi-cation and the Sea Empress incident could have been a little less disastrous. Lord Young of Dartington. Chairman, Language Line, 18 Victoria Park Square,

London E29PF. HY is it that every time we suffer a major oil spill in nearshore waters. distracting debate ensues about the inadequacy of safety measures to deal with such disasters? In the light of your article (Extent of oil pollution makes spill drop in the ocean. February 22), suggesting that such catastrophies only ac-count for 2 per cent of hydrocarbons entering the global en-

vironment, surely the overriding issue is our overdependence on oil and the ur-gent need to invest heavily in resource conservation, whilst finding alternative and more benign energy sources. Jun Fielder. Waste Watch,

Gresham House, 24 Holborn Viaduct. London EC1 2BN.

HY is it that we as a Tory stories maritime nation always have to rely and survival on foreign tugs to remove wrecks from our shores? Surely the Admiralty. which has warships, minesweepers and fishery protec-tion vessels should also possess tugs to protect our shores, if British shipowners opt out of that responsibility? Andrew Walker. 12 Farhills.

Frank Hughes. 57 Repton Drive. Haslington. Crewe CW1 18A. NONE of the most recent

spills in Ogoni. Nigeria, oil leaked from a Shell flowline for 40 days between July and ing the Diary to task in the August 1993 without repair, for some interesting debates further contaminating Ogoni farmiand. Shell argued that its over breakfast if he ever dis-cussed his wife's role at the engineers were unable to get Department of Health. into the area to repair the pipe-line for fear of violence, but Brian Bathell. 3 Cherry Drive. Canterbury, Kent, CT2 8HF. this has been vehemently denied by the Ogoni. A ATHOUT wish



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∧ NOTHER letter to your OUR leader (Children Apaper from Peter Bottom-ley MP about truth and hones have rights too, February 23) introduces a welcome note of sanity into the debate on divorce law reform. ty. (February 23). Well, at least we can be sure how he will vote in Monday's debate on the Scott report can't wa. We have effectively had a no-fault divorce law for almost 30 years, wrapped in enough humbug to bring the law into disrepute. Lord Mackay is right to seek to restore integ-rity to the legal process and his critics are wrong in failing to recommender that the null actor Reavy Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford BD6 3EE. NOTE Peter Bottomley takrecognise that this will actually make divorce rather harder to get than at present. defence of accuracy in reportingfacts. This must have made However, I fail to understand why your scepticism does not extend to the claims

and availability of informa-tion to children about the divorce process. The evidence is that many parents are unable to give reliable information to their children because of their own distress and guilt. Secondly, there must be more ways in which children can make known their need to be heard. We have supported the idea of a children's rights officer at each family court

care centre, but there also needs to be an investment in other services for children, such as counselling facilities. The training of health visitors, playgroup staff, teachers etc made on behalf of mediation. needs to encourage help for There is no worthwhile inde-pendent scientific evidence to children in ways that are not stigmatising. Thirdly, there needs to be support your assertions that

research into the circumstance in which the current represen-

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creased by two-thirds over the lest two decades. Many couples turn for support at the first sign of trouble to professional such as members of the pri-

mary health care team. At present, for every 28,000 the Government spends pick-ing up the pleces of family breakdown, it spends less than £3 on marriage support ser-vices. The Lord Chancellor has introduced a new clause into the bill in order to put such funding on a statutory basis. However, the issue of urces must be addre this bill is going to fulfil his aim of saving the saveable marriage. Penny Mansfield.

Director. One plus One, 12 New Burlington St. London W1X 1FF. THE editorial on the judg-ment of the European Court in the cases of Singh and Hus-sain (The tariff for murder, February 22) mistakenly as-serts that the Home Secretary has lost the power to decide on the release of mandatory life sentence prisoners. In fact, this judgment has only led to a change in respect of juveniles serving sentences of Her Maj-esty's Pleasure, who represent less than one-tenth of the man-datory life mentators

population. The Home Secretary pot only holds the power to decide upon the release of the remain ing mandatory lifers, but rather chillingly, he has ex-pressly reserved the right to include political consider-

ations as a relevant factor in

tence that can be imposed following a murder conviction is a mandatory life sentence. This country is unique in classifying all crimes of murder as being identical in nature, a premise that is difficult to reconcile with the reality of such offences. Until a more en-

there is little prospect for meaningful reform of the System. Simon Creighton.

Solicitor, Prísoners' Advice Service, 7 Chalton Street ondon NW1 1HU.

WHAT remains a mystery is the Government's easons for not incorporating the European Convention into domestic law. On my calcula-

A conventional view of justice we should take from Europe lightened approach to this whole area of law is adopted.

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CCORDING to reports from Milford Haven. the coastguards in the early days of the disas ter could not communicate with the powerful Chinese tug standing by to help the Russian crew on the Sea Empress. This experience is unfortu-nately still common through-

dent record of Shell's spills from 1982 to 1992. 1.626,000 gallons were split from the comp ny's Nigerian operations in 27 eparate incidents. Of the total number of spills recorded from Shell - a company which operates in more than 100 countries --- 40 per cent were in Nigeria. And you think we have a proble Matthew Oglethorpe Handel House 18 St Chad's Road. Derby DE23 8RS.

Perverting the truth of abuse

GERALD HANNON (Pro-fessor or pervert, G2, Feb-ruary 21) implies a link between gay sex and paedophilia. There is no more of a link than between heterosexual sex and molesting gurls. Paedophiles frequently excuse their behaviour by quoting this spurious connection

to exploit that, rather than in five years of work with protect and support the boy. sex offenders we have met some of the minority of abused boys who subsequently abuse. We also meet survivors' groups. We meet hundreds of men who as boys "suffered in silence" and may age appropriate behaviour. With sexual behaviour the have appeared not to mind. In fact they have carried rage, child is critical as well as basic knowledge and safety shame, insecurity and guilt for many years." concerns. Working to per-Hannon's quotations about New Guinea and Ancient Greece are irrelevant. Behaviour needs to be viewed in the it harder. context of here and now Men Roger Kennington. abuse power to manipulate Sex Offender Team. boys and girls into apparent Northumbria Probation co-operation, which increases Service. Wesley Court, Blaydon. the children's feelings of guilt about the behaviour. Abusers | Tyne and Wear NE21 5BT.

have to say that Julia Hartley-Brewer (Letters, February 23) has shown herself to be as unrellable in her dealings with me as Matthew Norman has shown himself to be malicious. They deserve each other. Even if her quotation of me were accurate, which I dispute, she is now admitting to having leaked the contents of a conversation with one of her own sources to a journalist whom she knew to be hostile to him. Dr Julian Lewis. Conservative Research

Department, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HH. | frequently assert that the vic-

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Children might want to

tim "asked for it." Victim Statements usually show the REGARDING your corre-Repondence over Cezanne's supposed ethnic background. In fact, the French word Creok case. the lad "Simon" had premeans a person of white race viously been abused by a policeman. Sexualised behav born in colonies, such as Les Antilles, La Reunion, La Guadeloupe, L'ile Maurice. etc. When Ambroise Vollard meniour is often a symptom of abuse and "Simon" was able tioned that Cezanne's mother was from distant Creole origin he was using the word in the play with matches, drive cars or drink alcohol. Adults don't French context. R J Clandillon-Baker. get alongside and do it with Albertine Cottage. The Street, Worth, them. They guide them about Deal, Kent CT14 OBY. DAN Glaister (The Theme Machine, February 17) emotional development of the quoted Michael Winner as say ing "If they open a theme park suade child-abusers to stop is hard enough without phoney academic arguments making

based on Ealing Studios they'll go broke. Like the studio." Sorry to disappoint — despite the receivers being called in. Ealing Studios has survived and is currently flourishing. Simon Mallin. **Business Manager** NFTS Ealing Studios. London W5 SEP. There needs to be a commitment to improve the quality

"bitterness, hostility and recrimination" would all t reduced if the process were me-V V long this correspondence. diator-led.

There is very good evidence that mediation does not give the parties any more say in their own future than the legal system does at present, that it pays no more attention to the voices of children and that it may put women at a greater disa

lisadvantage. The real scandal of the presint proposals is their dismissa of the, generally constructive, part that lawyers have played over many years in favour of the unproven and untested claims of a new group of would-be professionals whose only virtue seems to be that their vices are unknown.

Robert Dingwall Professor of Social Studies, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD.

> OU are right to emphasize the needs of children in the divorce process. However he matter cannot be addre simply by calling for the child to be consulted within mediation arrangements

By far the most substantial tence of applying media xper tion skills to parental disputes is held by the Family Court Welfare Service. We are only too well aware of the danger of children feeling an inappropr ate sense of responsibility for the breakdown of their parents' marriage. Well-intenioned attempts to obtain the views of children can easily make this situation worse. The training available to indepenlent mediators does not equip them with the skills required or this work with children. Other steps are needed.

wishes and feelings by family court welfare officers should be strengthened by. for example separate legal representation. David Skidmore. Secretary, Family Court Welfare Committee Association of Chief Officers of Probation. 1 Printing House Street, Birmingham B4 6DE. HE Government does not, as you state, currently spend £2 million on mediation. The sum you refer to is proba-bly the grant-in-aid currently

paid to organisations like One plus One, which provide marriage support services. Your confusion is a common one; there is great uncertainty about the distinctions between marriage support services and neditation. Meditation can assist coues, who are considering separation or divorce. to reduce conflict between them and the Lord Chancellor's proposals

rightly proposes to fund this service. But let's not forget that this is the last resort. The best way to help children is to reduce the levels of conflict in their parents' relationship at an early stage so that their parents do not break up. One plus One's research shows that the early years of marriage (often the time when pariners are becoming parents) are highly vulnerable to breakdown. Half of the divorces in 1993 were granted to couples who had not made it to

SOPHIE RADICE'S article (Stuck in the middle, February 21) authoritatively weeps sside a narrow and eccentric amendment on the child's right of hearing before a judge. What is not so easily dismissed is the right that chil dren have to both understand and comment on the process of separation and divorce which they experience along with their parents. We all make assumptions

about children's needs and their proper place in proceed ings, based on our home-spun beliefs and personal experiences. In our attempt to sanitise and control the mess which is divorce we resist at a costs entering the child's world, where things are raw and pain is openly displayed. The challenge, which the illconceived amendment directs us to, is how to make the family ustice system more amenable to, and inclusive of, children. Children need helpful and age appropriate information: they need help in articulating their views and aspirations; above all, they need their voices to be heard and taken seriously. Peter Jeffrics Assistant Chief Probation Officer. Family Court Welfare, Inner London Probation Service,

51 Borough High Street, London SE1 1NB. Letters to the Editor may be faxed on 0171 837 4550 or sent by post to 119 Farringdon Road, their 10th wedding anniver-sary and the number of di-London EC1R SER, and by e-mail to letters' guardian.co.uk. We vorces granted to couples with may edit them: shorter ones are children under-five has inmore likely to appear.

Against this background, it is only proper for the length of sentances, and release from prison, to be decided upon by the judiciary rather than a pol-itician. This is not, however, a panaces for the problems that beset the life sentence system. It should be remembered that judicial decisions are not immune from public pressure and it is perhaps only the extremities of the present Home Secretary that makes judges eem an attractive alternative The root of the problem lies in the fact that the only sen-

tion, some 60 cases against the UK have been heard in the European Court over the last 30 years and the court has found a violation of human rights in 38 of these cases. Surely, with this record, the Government should take the advice of the chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee. Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC and Con-servative MP, and repatriate the convention. John Wadham Director, Liberty, 21 Tabard Stree London SEI 4LA

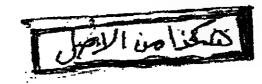
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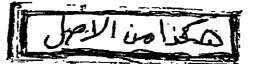
....................... and are willing to cater for MACHYNLLETH: All the way from Strumble Head in the yourself. I recommend that outh to the end of the Llyn you stay at the bird observatory there. You have no need to be a birdwatcher; in fact, peninsula in the north. Cardigan Bay looked wonderful on you need not look at a bird the Wednesday morning when the gods blew us a few hours of whole time, if you possibly can, go in June. Keen bird-watchers prefer to go in the idvilic caim and sunshine. Yet, only a few miles away, a tanker was in distress and utumn in the hope of seeing there was talk of vast oil spil-lages, threatening the offshore islands of Skokholm and rare migrants; but the weather then can be very rough and cold. So June is really the time to get the best out of a visit to this island of the blessed. Then the days are Skomer. Forty miles across the bay I could see Bardsey, an island I hope to get to this sumlong and, with luck, sunny, mer. Bardsey was celebrated throughout the Middle Ages as the wild flowers are at their best, the Atlantic is smiling in a place of pilgrimage, and so it still is for some visitors. But, calm perfection and confiding for all who go there, it is a place of infinite peace and grey seals observe you inquisitively as you walk along the beauty, insulated from most the world's troubles (though shore. If you would like to know not from all slicks). Life on nore, write (with an SAE) to the Hon Bookings Secretary, Mrs Alicia Normand, 46 Bardsey is simple and, in some ways, nearly as primitive as it was for its monks of centuries

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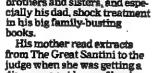


The Guardian Saturday February 24 1996 Prince of all the tortured souls

For Pat Conroy, pain pays. He's made his name by writing his disfunctional Southern family into his best-sellers, But, as he tells JOHN CUNNINGHAM, he's almost banished the ghosts. Photograph: DAVID SILLITOE

Conroy brings out a new novel, members of his family react bizarrely, jerking and flailing round as though an electric current was passing through them. Conroy has the habit of giving his clan of six brothers and sisters, and espe-

a has better as from



divorce as evidence of her hus band's cruelty — a wife-beat-ing, child-abusing character in the best-seller is based on Colo-nel Don Conroy. When The Prince Of Tides appeared, Pat's sister Carol — a poet on whom the mentally-ill poet Savannah is based in the book -cut him dead.

You can sympathise with his mother, Peg. a minor Southern matriarch. On her deathbed, as Conroy recalls, she said "Son, I find it hard to relax while I'm dying, knowing you're going to write down every damm word I say." Conroy insists she was joking, but sure enough, 12 years on, the lingering, languid death from cancer of the mother of his lat-est hero, Jack McCall, spans his new novel, Beach Music. Though it takes in the Holo-caust and the Vietnam War as they affect a later generation of players, it's really about a fam-ily in South Carolina, the hiescapable home zone which Conroy wears like a nicotine patch

roly-poly guy, a good ol' boy with a tortured soul. And he's a one off: blubbing away about men's emotions, without any of John Updike's detachment, and certainly without Robert Bly's invented male rituals. Some literary critics, Conroy says, are uneasy about the way he deals with men's emotions in his novels. It's water off his back; after all, a Vanity Fair profile said recently that he managed to pour out his heart "without losing a tincture of

his masculinity. Home — If that is the right word, since the family moved more than 30 times in Pat's first 18 years --- was where the writ of the parade ground also

"I tell you Dad was tough. He was the toughest father I ever saw, ever heard about. He'd start hitting you just after you were a baby. All you had to do to get in his target range was to walk. If you cried, he'd hit you in the face. Dad was 6ft 3ins, 230 pounds, the strongest Marine I ever saw. There was a reign of terror in his house. The soft father was an unknown figure in my life." Pain clearly pays. American readers go for his novels in a big way --- 750,000 copies sold big way --- 750,000 copies sold in the US of the latest. Beach Music, just out here (Doubleday. £16.99) in which — a great crux in any Conroy trauma ons are cast out by fathers with far more fury than Adam and Eve's exile from Eden. So we have fuming General: Elliott calling his son a limp wristed faggot (though actu-ally he's a sensitive priest, not

av at all). As rares 20. add

they've been going on for 20



INTERVIEW

Nolan was a step too far

PETER THURNHAM explains the reasons behind his decision last week to resign the Tory Whip

HEN I resigned the Conservative whip on Thursday it was because I have bad a variety of concerns. One was the Nolan report. I was dismayed that the Prime Minister, who set up the Nolan committee because of concerns about standards in public life, started to backtrack quickly after pressure from back-benchers, especially over the disclosure of earnings. I was deeply unhappy when the Prime Minister started reversing his position on this. And now there is Scott. Conservative spokesmen did their best to rubbish the Scott report before it had even been pub-lished. It is now clear it was an absolute can of worms. The more I read the Scott report, the more appalled I am. The Government is obviously minded not to take any action over Scott further than it needs to; and Monday's motion is a tech-nical one, which they'll try to wriggle round. The Ulster

Unionists, from what I am bearing, will abstain. But the Government needs to ensure that sufficlent action is now taken so that there is far less chance of such a debacle in the future, and action must be taken to follow up Sir Richard Scott's recommanda-tions. It has clearly accepted quite a few: Ian Lang has said it will follow up half the recommendations, and give active consideration to the

other half; it will be interest ing to see how this emerges in the debate. In the old days, ministers resigned when civil servants made mistakes. The air was allowed to clear, and maybe a year later they were ready to be called back

knew what Matrix Chur-chill was doing, yet it did not act at the time, and the Government did nothing. When Customs decided to bring a prosecution, it "for-got" it had had this material. Yet if Customs and Ex-cise officials had these intelligence reports, the Government must have known that lathes from Britain were being used for making Iraqi munitions. What concerns me most is the Matrix Churchill trial: I'm very worried that it ever happened. Sir Nicholas Lyell now says he took the decl-sion that it was better at the time to stand back and let the judge sort out the issue;

but that's too convenient, isn't it? Scott evidently took a different view to Lyell. At the collapse of the trial, an intelligence witness said the defendants had been very brave men when they went into the dock. So why did the trial take place?

But the report makes many people feel that Alan Clark was the villain of the piece: that he seemed to be giving the nod and wink to machine-tool manufacturers. The report shows that Clark was interviewed by the Prime Minister about this, and afterwards Sir Robin Butler sent him a note of the meeting --- which Clark amended so as to strengthen his claim of ignorance. That paper was cer-tainly available later in Sir Robin's office, and I think in the office of Sir Brian Un-win, chairman of Customs. So why was it not acted upon? The report is full of

such bungling. I can see there were initially concerns to protect a company providing employnent in the Midlands — but with hindsight it is clear we should not have bad any dealings with Saddam. Once the trial came to court, I can-not see any benefits that might have been traded off.

Three men were put in the dock with the whole weight of government evidence against them. In 1986 I put down a foreign affairs ques tion in the House on our arms exports. It was answered by Tim Renton, who said we were applying the arms-export guidelines strictly. There was no indication of any relaxation in

enidelines. At the time

of the trial we were all very

The difficulty is that Scott

never prepared a summary,

in reverse — feeding rains than breaking his addiction to

the South. Indeed, Charleston is for years in his novels, Conroy says the General notches up a him more of a character than a nine on the Richter scale. But moody presence, a place where the local social order makes he claims as a writer, he's mellowing. Maybe there's a clue in the General's tirade against the Roman Catholic church. Debrett look as common as the phone book. By comparison, the membership of Pall Mall 'Vatican 11, that's when the seems as exclusive as a bus queue. And the locals have a sense of decorum that makes Barbara Cartland appear as refined as Ruby Wax.

. Throw in some fine upstanding young men of impeccable sexuality ("Show me a product of a military school and I will show you a man who can beat off without moving a muscle, without rustling a sheet" says the narrator in The Lords of Discipline), add some women to die for and, wrapped in a lyrical prose which invokes the natural life of the coast and adjacent lowlands, you have a typical Conroy package.

Then the flaws begin to appear, in fiction as in life.

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Several of the Conroy clan work in hospitals. His youn-gest brother Tom, a paranoid schizophrenic, committed sui-cide in 1994, and while Pat has no wish to wear a white coat, he is the guy who applies the literary electrodes to his kin, blaming his military hero father for the siblings' childhood grief if not for their later dysfunction. Pat, at 50, is a big

Church went wrong. That fat pope who couldn't do a chin-up if his life depended on it. . .' Certainly, the fictional fathers now gesture towards their sons, but no full-scale reconciliations. And Conroy says his father sometimes comes along with him to booksigning sessions, often to point out to readers the gaps between fact and fiction. But what do sons do wrong? Generally in my novels, they fail to mirror the father. Also I think there's rage at the violent effrontery of taking their father's place. And they're always the ones who're loved by the wife, by the mother. And it's the softness (in the sons) that the mother loves, the father can't stand." That was so in his own case His father, a Marine fighter pilot, sneered when he took up

typing because he wanted to be a novelist —"that's for sissies" — but in Beach Music, the nar-rator, from childhood ouward, is disturbingly aware of his mathematic output mother's sexuality. Bit of the old Oedipus Com-



on the third volume of Scott, Pat Conroy's a one-off ... blubbing about men's emotions, without John Updike's detachment or Robert Bly's male rituals which seems to me to show the least defensible aspects of this government debacle.

plex in his own life? "Well, I had the pretilest ern family I was classed as rac-ist, I worked through that. Just as I was doing great, the Viet-nam war comes flying round the corner, there I was in the mother I ever saw. She was a doll.' Bit in love with her most conservative all-white college in the country, prepar-ing for this awful war. I demon-"I think so." More than a bit? "You know, not like I wanted to sleep with her but I think... thought...this caused a great deal of rage in my father, but I ended up lovstrated against that war before It was over. Then I was thinking 'Live a fairly liberal free-thinking life' when the vomen's movement came being things she was fond of ... poetry, literature. There was a bopping round the barricades. And once again I found myself ar for the souls of all my a white southern male, the enemy for the third time. So brothers and sisters between my mom and dad." my life was a process of Given all this, it's surprising adjustment." Fair enough, but is he an New Man doesn't make much of an appearance in his novela. "You know any form of defi-Iron Jock or an Iron John? "Are those the guys who beat nition is bound to get you in trouble. Automatically. I'm a

drums in the forest and light fires and dance round? product of my age. I grew up in the American South. The civil rights movement came roaring They're silly really. They have tried to draw me into that, I'm not interested." Why not. It's not much difround the corner in front of a white southern male. You ferent from boot camp? "Yes, I went through that. I know, being raised in a south-

just really don't need to bowl at the moon round a campfire. You know, the movement I believed in was the women's movement. It had goals, and I had five daughters... that seemed to have a real purpose I found, behind the men's movement, a secret unac-knowledged hatred of women; that, I didn't want to partici-pate in. It all started as a denigration of the women's movement. One thing I don't worry about is white guys feeling a loss of power. When I talked to these guys, usually at the bottom of it was rage with womer the feeling they were short-changed, that something was lost So you won't write about it? "There'll be seven million books about the men's move-

ment, you know when some-thing starts in the United States, that's how it is. If I wrote about it. I might make fun of it." What he might write next is

shoulders when an obstacle comes up, trauma takes its toll there was a 10-year gap between Prince of Tides and his new book. Four of his brothers and sisters have at-tempted suicide (excluding Tom Conroy) and the writing of Beach Music was interrupted by what he calls a coule of "nervous breakdowns. Passions engage him - "I'm assionate about everything I write." Fashions do not affect his work. "New South writing?" he queries "No I've not heard of that. I don't think there's a school." He's quite happy walking the family demon

and makes a living out of de-

signing other loft spaces, but admits it's not for everyone. "I don't think much of the population would want to live in a

place like this. "The British character is to be all sort of cosy and comfort-able. Fve had people come round and say I couldn't bear being in a house without a fire-

place'. It does lack the cosiness

of all the things a house can give you. You've got to be pre-pared for an uncluttered, more

minimal approach to your interior." Another drawback is that

however beautiful it might be inside, outside it's a night-

mare. Inevitably, most of the

former warehouses and fac-tories now under conversion

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are located in the murky

he says, a portrait of an

Ammerican marriage. He

recently divorced his second

wife and seems unsure or un-willing to say what went

wrong, beyond incompatabi-lity. It might be some time be-

fore he manages to produce

that because, in spite of the

dismissive way he swings his

in to government. But now we're three years down the road from the debacle: then would have been the time for resignations. Whether anyone resigns at this stage must be a matter for the ministers concerned and

I have been concentrating

It reveals on almost every

page the complete bungling

that was going on. Customs and Excise had intelligence

reports showing that it

the Prime Minister.

so it has not been easy for MPs to take a quick over-view. It deliberately lacks oundbites. Its length, and time pressure, have ensured that not everyone has been able to read it all, or even the strength to carry all five volumes around.

I hope more MPs will read further into the report over the weekend. The more they read, the more critical they will be of the Government.



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Loft dwellers come down to earth

While Terence Conran is addicted to loft-living, SALLY WEALE talks to the city types who are kicking the habit

O, Sir Terence Conran is Singing the praises of liv-ing in the wide, white open spaces of lofts. Aloof — and aloft — in his eyrie in But-ler's Wharf by Tower Bridge. he surveys the fad that has swept London and other tired cities for inhabiting open spaces carved out of spent industrial buildings. And sur-prise, surprise, he loves what he sees. There must be more to life than the traditional forms of housing, he pleads, com-plaining that most of the homes we inhabit conform to an "antiquated mode of . .

living". Sir Tel's celebration of loftliving comes at a time when the property columns of the London Evening Standard are screaming out for new con-verts every week. "An open in-vitation to view the fine art of loft-living this weekend," is

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how they pitch their appeal. The pictures show rooms the size of hangars with doubleheight ceilings, sweeping stair-cases and minimalist-style de-cor. The uncluttered whiteness of it all is breath-taking. But where's the washing drying on the radiators? Where's the mantlepiece for all those knick-knacks? Sir Terence himself occu-

pies a miraculously spartan 6,000 square feet of space in Butler's Wharf. There's a view of the river Thames, a stain-less steel kitchen, two off-white sofas and little else. It looks ideal — a fresh, streamlined lifestyle in a lat-

eral environment that smacks of glamour and Hollywood chic. But is it really a viable alternative to the Coronation Street terraces, three-bedroom semig or the little boxes of the new towns?



Height of sophistication... Peggy Prendeville in her east London loft

Artist Martin Richman, 46, and his wife Lisa, lived for five with just a thin partition wall years in a loft in the Spratt's Dog Biscuit warehouse in Popdividing the bedroom from the living room, there was no lar, east London. They had privacy. 2,000 sq ft of space and ceilings 16 feet high. It was "thrilling," says Richman. But as their children, Mimi, now aged 11, and seven-year-old Harry gre up, it became less and less practical. There was no garlen, the environment was industrial and the service charges were almost prohibitively expensive.

"I would not want to decry the notion of lofts," says Richman. "Living in a large, open, high-ceilinged space is a glori-

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PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SELLITOE ous and wonderful thing. But

"Then there's the problem if A wants to watch TV and B wants to listen to some music and C wants to read a book and you are in one big open space, it's not easily resolved. You also miss the great pleasure you get, when you're having a family argument, of being able to go somewhere and slam a

Mr Richman and his family now live in a traditional Vic-

loft-living again --- it's an ideal lifestyle for a single person or voung couple, he says. But he thinks the whole concept has ecome a bit over-hyped. "All that stuff about Big Apple. New York-style living.

of loft-living."

industrial wastelands of our It's become a marketing cliché and like any other marketing cliché you'd better take it with a pinch of salt. There are an

trendies. The space might be great, the light fantastic, but despite Sir Terence's infe Spratt's building the Rich-mans left in 1969. She loves it

big cities. "They do tend to be in grotty areas," concedes Prendeville, who insists never theless that the interior of her loft, with its space and light. more than makes up for the neighbourhood. It's all very well for young awful lot of shoddy and not

tious enthusiasm most of us will probably settle for our cosy Victorian terrace with its clutter and mess, its fireplace and staircase, and that framed, square in the ceiling that leads to what we know as the loft.

particularly desirable spaces that are sold under the banner Interior designer Peggy Prendeville, her husband and two children, still live in the

torian house in Hackney. He would not discount the idea of

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Jeffrey Quili

Putting the fire into the Spitfire

N 1936 Jeffrey Quill, who has died aged 85, became the second man to fly the

Vickers-Supermarine Spitfire, the aircraft that became one of the greatest fighters in aviation history and which helped win the Battle of Britain. Quill master minded its flight development during the ensuing decade and in his hands it developed through 52 variants. The Spit-fire was the only allied fighter in production - a total of 22.749 were built — from the first to the last day of the second world war. It stayed in frontline service until 1951 and last flew for the RAF in 1859

Jeffrey Quill was educated at Lancing College and having taken an RAF short service commission in 1931. learned to fly at No 3 Flying Training School Grantham. Passing out with an "exceptional" pilot rating he joined the crack No 17 (Fighter) Squadron which flew Bristol Bulldogs but also occasionally received new air-craft from the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Es-tablishment. It gave Quill his first taste of test flying. He was then posted to the RAF Meteorological Flight in 1934, was rated "exceptional" again and two years later was awarded the Air Force Cross.

Quill had heard that "Mutt" Summers, Vickers' chief test pilot, needed help with the intensive test programme which had followed rearmament and RAF expansion. Specifically there was the new fighter designed by Reginald Mitchell which was close to completion at Eastleigh, near Southampton. At the end of 1935 Quill left the RAF to join Summers. His main task was to be development flying on the Wellesley bomber — from which he baled out after it failed to recover from a spinning test

- and the Wellington bomber

But on March 5 1936, Quill grounds, having logged more than 5,000 flying hours in 90 flew Summers to Eastleigh, where Mutt made the encouraircraft types, and was aging maiden flight of the new fighter, then known as the Vickers Type 300, registration K5054. Quill first flew it on March 28, 1936. "Here," he ob-

served, "is a real lady". In June 1937 Mitchell died, soon after Summers and Quili had pronounced the designer's masterpiece an unquali-fied success. Quill greatly ad-mired Mitchell and they had worked intensely together on the project. Days later the Air Ministry placed an initial order for 310 aircraft. In 1938 Quill took charge of Spitfire development and production flying, and worked closely with Joe Smith, Mitchell's suc cessor as the Spitfire's chief

designer. With war Quill insisted on gaining frontline experience of the aircraft and served with No 65 (Spitfire) Squadron at Hornchurch during the Battle of Britain. He shot down an Me109 fighter and a Heinkel 111 bomber, before returning to apply lessons learnt to new aircraft. In 1943-44 he was also called in by the Royal Navy to develop better carrier deck landing techniques with the Seafire, the Spitfire's naval version. He served with the Fleet Air Arm as a Lieutenan

Commander Royal Naval Vol-Apart from making the first flights on all operational Spit-fire variants — as late as 1943 it was still the world's fastest propeller engined fighter and hit Mach 0.92 in a dive, a higher speed than contempo. Club for 64 years. In retirement Quill wrote higher speed than contempo-rary jet fighters — Quill did the same for the S.24/37 ex-

perimental torpedo bomber, the Dumbo, the Spiteful, the Seafang and the Attacker, the Royal Navy's first jet fighter. However, 16 years of flight-testing — and combat — took Claire whom he married in 1969. He had three daugh all of whom survive.

its toll. In 1947 he retired from Dan Rob on writeer in 1953 active flight testing on medical when the Seafire was under



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UILL continued to demonstrate the Spitfire, Q-JJ at airshows and made his last Spitfire flight in 1966, just 30 years after he climbed into the prototype, K5054. His death came just two weeks before the diamond jubilee commen-orations of K5054's first flight to which he was much looking forward.

Quill also won the 1963 Daily Express offshore power-boat race and was once shortlisted for the Olympic-class sailing team. He was a mem-ber of the Royal Air Force

MK 1 of a masterpiece . . . Jeffrey Quili and Spitfire in 1939 wo splendid books; Spitfire -A Test Pilot's Story (1983) and Birth Of A Legend: The Spit-fire (1996). Following a brief wartime marriage he married, in 1945, Pamela Allen who development I was sent to Supermarine as Jeffrey Quill's assistant. We both lived at Bursledon on the Hamble River near Southampton and died in 1969. He is survived by would travel by car to work together at Worthy Down hearly every day. He was under tremendous

pressure during the Spitfire's constant wartine development. "The acute of prolonged crisis," he said,

At the Monday meetings with Joe Smith he took a very active part in discussions. His opinions, particularly on handling qualities, were invaluable and frequently Smith would pick up the phone to the Ministry of ircraft Production to get

Jeffrey Quill was a great man to work for and "meant that problems had to be solved, more or less regardless of expense and of

himself, seven days a week. He had the satisfaction of a mighty job, well done.

Jeffrey Kindersley Quili, test pilot, born February 1, 1913; died February 20, 1996

Football maestro in a flat cap when their 3-0 defeat of the Soviet Union in the final in German side bearing early teams before joining Hertha signs of the Total Football

Berlin, where a knee injury finished his career. He fled to the West in 1950 and in 1956 became assistant to the legendary West German

Brassels was arguably their finest performance under Schoen's admirers

K DAIRO, who has died aged 65, was one of the founding fathers of the Nigerian music scene, and the only African musician to be awarded an MBE for his achievements, back in the era when his songs ' summed up the optimism 'then felt about his country's prospects.

For more than 20 years he was the king of juju, the Yor-uba urban style that origi-nated in the twenties in the palm-wine bars around Lagos, created out of Yoruba proverbs, drumming and gui tars. By 1956, when Dairo launched his 10-piece Morn-

ing Star Orchestra, juju was ready for change. Just as rock 'n' roll was transforming Western pop, so he shook the Nigerian scene by introducing into the new juju mix electric guitars, the Yoruba "talking drum", and the ac-cordion — the instrument with which he became most

identified. By 1959, when he changed his band's name to the Blue Spots, he was mixing tradi-tional songs, praise poetry and Christian hymns with latin and other rhythms. It widened the appeal of juju far beyond the Yoruba heartland around Lagos and western Nigerla, He also mastered new recording techniques, shortening many of his songs to three minutes so they could be released as singles, and adding slick lyrics fam-ous for brief, catchy phrases. He was rewarded with a whole string of hits, and with independence in 1960, his music summed up new Nige-ria's spirit and cultural autonomy. It seemed only fit-ting that the MBE should

follow three years later. AIRO achieved some international success, but was un lucky to have been born just slightly ahead of his time. At the height of his career, in the early seventies when he was touring Europe and Japan, most Western audiances were still unaware of the delights of African music. Even reggae was still a nov-elty and Bob Marley was being hailed as the third world's first superstar, it was left to Dairo's disciplines like King Sunny Ade and Chief

a mission school, remained

founded the Seraphim and

Cherubim Church on I K

his fellow musicians. He

founded Nigeria's Musical Copyright Society and was

president of the country's

oth for Nigeria's people and

its musicians. It comes in a month when Feia Kuti, the

country's most celebrated Yoruba star, and arch-critic

Lord Melchett ... 48 today

of how it deludes us and so ill

an active Christian. He



I K Dairo Music for a new nation

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Dairo: slick lyrics . VAL WILMER

of successive military govruments, has once again been in and out of jail, this time on drug charges.

his Denselo

Val Wilmer writes: I K Dalro was one of many Nigerian musicians I saw at early West African student dances. St Pancras town hall was packed in 1964 for his Blue Spots. Surrounded by eight bandsmen dressed in matching handwoven aso-oke cloth. Dairo appeared an almost anonymous figure. He played a little guitar and accordion, the dancers applauding politely. But when he picked up his gan-gan, the hourglass-shaped Yoruba talking-drum, a dramatic change came over the audience. He was making a statement that went beyond the usual highlife band fare, something tied up with African assertiveness. The band were staying in

Streatham and had turned their house into a facsimile of Lagos life, with cooking pot on the floor and atmospheric green lighting. After a drumming and drinking and eating - session we repaired to my mother's nearby for a midnight interview. Drinking tea around the scrubbed-pine kitchen table. Dairo told me he started out as a carpenter, humming songs while planing wood. His influence in Nigeria, I discovered, was considerable. His tour organiser, interpreting for us, had made him censor his repertoire in Britain, feeling some songs "too pungent". Dairo's opinions, voiced in song, ware feared by those in public life with something to hide. When an "educated" man abused him for his lack philosophical song which included the line "It is not the hood that makes the monk". At the time we met, he had Dairo Street in Lagos and was involved in projects to help kept the same musicians for 10 vears - a remarkable achievement in Nigeria or anywhere.



unteer Reserve.

ELMUT Schoen who has died aged 80, gave West Germany a standing in world football it has never lost. During his 14 years as

that was to follow reached the semi-finals before going out to Italy in a seven-goal extravaganza

instant decisions.

everybody liked him. Never too busy to spare a word of ocouragement or advice, he was always cheerful and always took the first risks



On top of the world . . . Schoen and Franz Beckenbauer celebrate West Germany's 1974 World Cup win

ous figure on whose head 1964 to 1978, West Germany won the World Cup and the European Championship was perched his trademark an incongruous fist cap. A and also finished runnersshrewd brain was operating up in both tournaments. beneath it as Sir Alf Ramse However, Schoen's interdiscovered when Schoen outwitted him over substinational career was as much about moulding playtutes when West Germany overcame a two-goal deficit to beat England in Leon in ers and playing styles as winning trophics. And like Liverpool's Bob Paisley, anthe 1970 quarter-finals. other victim of Alzheimer's Schoen was born in Dres lisease, Schoen realised the den, the son of an art dealer who scorned football. He was, by profession, a bank value of patience in football as well as sheer pace. clerk but the game was al-ways going to be his life. Be-tween 1937 and 1941 he In 1966 a West German

team containing the young Franz Beckenbauer but played as an inside forward for Dresden SC. During this heavily dependent on the speed of the Borussia Dortperiod he won 16 internamund pair, Emmerich and Beld, lost to England in the World Cup final. Four years later, in the heat and hu-midity of Mexico, a West tional caps and scored 17 goals for Germany.

had a higher profile than with the Brent Spar but then,

in one of Greenpeace's finest

stuck a measuring rod down

the wrong hole of the North Sea oil platform and the real

Establishment that you fore-

swore so long ago leapt on your very real apology for getting the figures wrong. Never was your honesty and genuine commitment to the

truth so welcome in certain circles. JV

hours, someone went and

After the war Schoen played for various Dresden

Today's other birthdows Rt

Close, former England

Rev Jonathan Bailey. Bishop of Dunwich, 56: Brian

cricket captain, 65; Richard

cartoonist and illustrator, 82;

Hamilton, pop-art painter, 74; Paul Jones, actor and singer, 54; David Langdon,

Denis Law, footballer, 56;

Michel Legrand, composer

and conductor, 64; Betty Marsden, actress, 77; Peter

Owen, publisher, 69; Alain Prost, motor racing cham-

Herberger. Schoen succeeded Har-

berger eight years later, just as Beckenbauer was emerging as the German foot-baller supreme. It is impos sible to exaggerate the happiness of this coinci-dence. Beckenbuner becam not only West German captain but Schoen's alter ego

on the nitch. Mueller, Breitner, Hoeness. Overath. Vogts. they all matured under Schoen. But only Gunther Netzer might have challenged the Kaiser's rule had he not be come estranged from the national team. Bobenian and free-spirited by nature Netzer's was the talent at the heart of West Ger-

many's European Champ ouship success in 1972,

pion, 41; Michael Radford, film director, 50; Derek Ran

dall, cricketer, 45; The Rev Kathleen Richardson,

Methodist minister, Moder

Council, 58; Dennis Water-

Tomorrow's birthdays: Rikie Brooks, singer, 51: Tom

Courtenay, actor, 59, Lord Crickhowell, chairman,

National Rivers Authority, 62; Farokh Engineer, cricketer,

tor. Free Church Federal

man, actor, 48.

retired after the 1974 World Cup triumph. Two years later West Germany lost the European Championship funal to Carchoslovakia in a penalty shoot-out. In the 1978 World Cup in Argentina they were eliminated by Austria, and Schoen handed over to the next in line, Jupp Derwall. Few national coaches will

Performing Rights Society. He was also a musical academic, and from September approach Schoen's record of 87 victories, 31 draws and just 27 defeats. "He was a 1994 until last August was visiting professor of African music at Washington State man who only saw the good in players and people in gen-eral," said Berti Vogts, the University in Seattle, His death, apparently from diabetes complications, is a present German coach. reminder of a happier era

David Lacey

Heimut Schoen, lootball coach, born September 15, 1916; died February 22, 1996

58; George Harrison, film-maker, singar, former Beatle, 53; Harvey McGregor QC, warden, New College, Oxford,

70; Robert Neame, brewer, 62; Sir David Puttnam, film

producer, 55; Lt-Col John

Stephenson, former secre-

Council, 65; Prof Stewart Sutherland, principal, Edin

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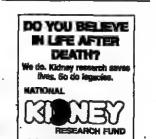
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Hadelaine Burting

HERE'S a captivating advert currently running on television. Stylish in grainy black and white, short snatches of film of huge drama: a baby being born and his

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father falls over in a dead faint: a war scene; a tiny girl in a scarlet coat is dwarfed by an oncoming lorry then swept out of its path by a man who leaps to her rescue. (The scarlet coat in the black and white film is reminiscent of Steven Spielberg's haunting scene in Schindler's List). The few seconds of the advert are extraordinarily intense, only to be absurdly deflated when full colour returns to the screen and we realise all this drama was about selling a car. It was a well-known brand of clothing shops (I won't give them more publicity) who

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blazed this trail, hijacking ex-periences of huge depth and sig-| all that is offered for its fulfilnificance and using them to sell knitwear. So we had a bill-board size poster of a bloody, brand new baby still with um bilical cord uncut; we even had a deathbed scene. Fabulously beautiful landscapes have become a backdrop against which to demonstrate brakes, power steering, or cigarettes. It has now become pervasive Every insurance company. bank and wash powder plun-ders the stock of profound life

experience. Nothing is sacred. What makes this trivialisa-

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lation of some of our most pre-

cious aspirations. These images are arousing, enlisting

obscure and powerful intima-

tions of beauty, tragedy and

love. The advert not only ulti-

mately cheapens the experi-

ence, it also cheapens us. Be-

cause once the soul is stirred.

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ment is the car, or the cashmere sweater ... Either we're suckers and we fall for it, believing that a suc-cession of possessions will pro-vide deep happiness and fulfilment, or, canny about the false promise of materialism, we scoff at the idea, but find no

replacement to fulfil those stirrings of the soul. The result is we become warily cynical not just of the advertising images, but of our own responses to them. Most of us experience a con-

fused muddle of the two, hazily imagining that perfect consumer goods could make our lives perfect, whilst frustrated by the stimulation of desires without an object for them, we retreat into a deeply defensive state of deadened response. Night after night, hours of uman drama wash over us. We do the ironing, eat supper

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and talk on the telephone as dozens of people die, make love or suffer horrors and unimaginable sorrows in front of our glassy eyes. What previous age could know so intimately all the ways human beings can die or have sex?

This parade of experience blunt our sensitivity and cripples our ability both to perceive the sacred and to respond to it. Those rare, cherished moments of awe-inspiring experi-

ence have to penetrate the knee-jerk reactions of irreverence, cynicism and scepticism. Can we ever walk through a meadow without thinking of processed cheese and dancing cows? Our minds are cluttered with thousands of images which reduce everything to a ridiculous banality.

The role of ritual was to inspire and then formulate our response to the sacred. With so little appreciation for the latter it's not surprising that we have largely junked the regular prac-tice of rituals which have been a feature of human society . for thousands of years. Daily ceremonies, offerings, prayers are central to every religious tradition; a way of placing the

sacred to life. We seem to manage very well without them, you might say. But where it all collapses is in those great life events, when even the most hardened sceptics find themselves floandering to find a ritual which will express the profundity of the experience. and, this is the important point expresses the event's life-

changing significance --- which

from our daily mundane pressonapetions. For births and marriages, we scrape by. Naming ceremonies, atisfied.

and the time-honoured recipe of flowers, bridesmaids and champagne usually leave most Death is an altogether differmimatter. Nothing exposes the

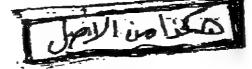
prepares us for experiences which are inescapable. The anonymity of the cemetery, the minister, the baldness of the service. When we need ritual so hadly to channel and express intense, overpowering emotion, there is only allenation to compound the grief. Our usual responses of irreverence and scepticism are over whelmed,

but we have no alternative to fall back on. We have no understanding of how to approach the sacredness of this particular moment in time over another. Each of us ends up painfully learning - or not - for ourselves.

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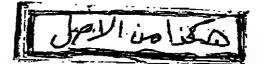




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The Spellbound exhibition features film-makers as artists and artists as film-makers. Does it work? No, says art critic ADRIAN SEARLE. Yes, says film critic JONATHAN ROMNEY

opcorn, Britpop and pol

PELLBOUND attempts to make sense of the relationship between art and film in the latter part of the 20th century. It is a strange affair. With its roll-call of illus trious British-based filmmakers and an unlikely group of well-known British artists. the show mixes popular appeal and serious intentions, entertainment and high culture. There are film-making artists and arty film-makers, amateur auteurs and directors whose hubris makes them think they can play at the avant-garde. Sir Eduardo Paolozzi has merely filled a gallery with the junk from his studio, with a whole lot more borrowed from a filmprophire company. There are piles of plaster-cast offcuts from his sculptures, a desultory rack of costumes and a rag-bag of the

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ested in their own over blown solipsistic narcissism. With the casting of Keith Allen as the anti-hero. Damlen Hirst's film makes the point that mean guys have existential crises too. The movie night not be art — though it has art in it, by Man Ray, Meret Oppenheim and Hirst himself — but it is unashamed in terms of its entertainment value. It plays on all the famlilar Hirst themes and it has a thunuping Britpop soundtrack. Terry Gilliam's installation isn't ready as he's been far too busy touting The 12 Monkeys around Europe, and Ridley Scott's video-collage of story boards and fragments of his films is desultory. The artis Boyd Webb's film of the life and times of a lovelorn pop-

behind excess, chaos and



Buy Webb's Ani Damien Hirst's is a jolly sitpopcorn-inspired ither, and so these little down affair. Hanging Around is a straightforward, polished film — or at least it pretends to explosions of vegetable matter Asteroid And have become the guilty secret with a pro erscrid nice, juicy, rab; eround as doll IV I rightwinger. The Gary Bushells, Richard Littlejohns, (top) is cheaply addresses a deep-rooted taboo proper acting, a not over-flashy neo-Swinging-London look, and openly gay the introduces stories from his personal life in making popcorn the central unexpectedly image of his work for Spelland narrative dislocations that Auberon Waughs, PJ with real ease and lack of emmoving. Peter bound. His Asteroid And Kidnever seem too troublesome. O'Rourkes — those chaps who barrassment), and his wit. Greenaway's allege that the airwayes and When one listener starts to ney Stone invokes our readi-Again, context is all: in a film pig's bead (above, ness to succumb to cinematic illusions of grandeur. On a panel the shape of a cinema festival. it would be shrugged prints are brimming with lib mumble about a conspiracy of eral do-gooders — have acm-ally colonised a fair whack of off as lazy cod-cockney Lynch. freemasons. Starkey cuts in photograph by here. It functions as "the latest with "If only the world were David Sillitoe) screen, a membrane is twisted Damien Hirst''. its space themselves. And run by secret societies, it wins plaudits into a figure suggestive of Mö-The most confident piece is then there's Dr David Starkey. might be run rather more from the film bius-strip infinity, and nuggets Peter Greenaway's. In The historian and scion of The efficiently." critic bat not John Sessions, parodist ex-Dark is the installation equiv of popcom are arranged on it. Moral Maze, with his own Our eye transforms it into a from the art alent of a Georges Perec novel traordinaire, would have fun with Starkey's incessant as it show. Starkey On Saturday galactic tableau à la 2001. It looks like grandiose Kubrick critic. Right: a a DIY kit for the filmic imagion Talk Radio, which is scene from nation. An archivist as ever. celebrating its first birthday weres and indeeds, but last **Damlen Hirst's** cosmology, but the fact that it's Greenaway separates out the this month. week Sessions's beam was just plain popcorn reminds us how tawdrily nuts-and-bolts Starkey sat oddly with the existential short constituent parts of film — aufixed instead on radio arts film, Hanging dience. script. props, actors, sound and light — and leaves magazine programmes when he played a troubled presenter station's original crew, those Around the most spectacular movie iljocks intent on delivering hisionism can be. us to invent our own scenario shocks. He. too, likes to epute In the five-part Radio 3 series Damien Hirst gives us a conwith the material provided. Steve McQueen -- despite otherness and closeness of the les hourgeois, especially the Mightier Than The Sword. ventional cinema space and a conventional film to match. Different actors, sets of props and scripts (in the form of the bodies in the film, their virtual woolly liberals among them Radio 3 has made the weekpresence, their physicality long. post-evening concert series of nightly short pro-But where most of the Peter Greenaway provides station's initial presenters and their opacity. There would daily newspapers) are added seemed to use the same five be no space at all for film like seats but no film, to evoke a every day. Deafened by a grammes into something of its this in the commercial cinema Sturm-and-Drang soundtrack. phantom, or rather, virtual auwords in a recurring tapeown over the past few years. and here Sessions and his team (including John Wells and in a sense McQueen's work is an elegy for the kinds you can walk around spotting hidden gags and micro-narradience. Webb lets us sit down loop. Starkey would pack at to see ourselves as punters east 45 words into a sentence tives. I loved the sly dig at Four of experience commercial cinwatching punters. His aniand throw in a reference to and Rebecca Front) brilliantly ema has lost. It goes back to the mated film Love Story is the Weddings And A Funeral guyed the conventions of Kaleidoscope and Nightwayes Machiavelli as well. Now beginning, when the medium sentimental adventure of a among the crematorium prop those tooks have been incked was alive, filled with enigma piece of unpopped corn, strug gling to sprout shoots before Spelibound could have been and Starkey remains, last so that the unsuspecting lisand infinite possibilities tener might at times have thought they'd tuned into the ust a chance for artists to inweek holding forth on the If only the other exhibits had such resonance. But alachieving romantic ecstasy. Cheaply comic but unexpecttulge their screen obsessions Scott Report, decimalisation, and for film-makers to moonand feminism. real thing. though some of the set-piece light as "legit" artists. But Ridedly moving, this is as brazen a Ostensibly, this is a phone-In pretend programmes on ley Scott alone, with a derisory video assemblage of script and in: in reality it's a platform for Starkey to ventilate his griev-Hardy, Woolf, Beckett, Shakespeare and Lawrence. are explosive and there are piece of anthropomorphism as Babe, and a marvellously litfine cameos, there are too there were some inspired touches --- like the announcer nany walk-on parts — like eral illustration of the power storyboard snippets, seems to ances and expatiate his philos of corny images. Douglas Gordon's standingophy He's the clever boy in Paula Rego. whose presence have missed the point. The the front row. — clearly de-lighted last week when he eems entirely arbitrary other contributors have saying "You may like to know Somewhere in post-produconly 24 Hour Psycho slows grasped the opportunity to that you can hear a repeat play with the different condi-tions imposed on eye and mind broadcast of today's proion, the plot got lost. Hitchcock's film to three spotted that Alan from Surrey AS frames a second. thereby was really Alain - the don gramme on Sunday afternoon amning any possibility of by the movie house and the who can't resist putting down at 4.40 --- though of course if Spellbound is at the Hayward reading the narrative, which is exhibition space. his students as he patronises you're not listening to this Gallery, London (0171-960 4208) until May 6. subsumed by the erotic or nighmarish shifts of the image the audience. Starkey speaks broadcast there's no point in JR for middle England, and is fuine saying that." ard Eyre's beautifully paced production are also better than little too studiedly simplistic retto. The piece, a wonderful blend of wit and moralising by The Book of the Week THEATRE to make you really ache. Char Congreve to which Handel ap plied sublime musical invensingles like Slight Return and ever, Michael Gambon, as Skylight The Nº1 Bestseller, over 75,000 sold Bluetonic are efficiently pleas Tom, exudes not only a peacock vanity but also a vast. tion, deserves to be taken more Wyndham's, London Paperback edition now available. unbearable, underlying melanseriously. Here the pantomune Trainspotting, Irvine Welsh's first novel choly. And Lia Williams, as Ryra, articulates the frustraatmosphere was more Brian Rix than Feydeau. marked the arrival of a major new talent, AVID Hare's Skylight now released as a major film by the 'Shallow Grave' team. One taste and you'll tion of those who do society's But the singing in the most transfers thrillingly important roles was superb. dirty work with a spontaneous from the Cottesloe to zeal that makes the nerves tin-Ruth Ann Swenson, making be hooked to Welsh's other works: Wyndhain's. The performances grow to fit the space gle. It is a magnificent play that dignifies the West End. her debut, scored a number of Trainspotting £6.99 and the play itself seems more ovations when she reached the party pieces later in the show. She sings with astonishing pu Acid House £5.99 han ever a conflict not just Details: 0171 369 1736 Marabou Stork Nightmares £9.99 Michael Billington etween two raw and angry in All three saving £3 & dividuals but between the enrity and accuracy and best of all, her vocalising served a repreneurial values of the Free delivery £19.97 OPERA eighties and a countervailing self-fulfilling idealism. real comic instinct. Other orders please add £0.99 p&p per book It was Felicity Palmer Freephone Hotline 0500 418 419 Semele Hare's skill lies in interestthough, who took hold of what had started as a somnolent pering you in restaurateur Tom **Covent Garden** ase send my selection as marked above. I enclose a cheque for £. to Guardian Books or debit my Access/Visa/Delta/Mastercard Nº and teacher Kyra, two exformance and shook it into life lovers undergoing a fretful on her first appearance as jeal-reunion, first as people and OHN Copley's staging of ous queen of the gods. Palmer Mins / Ms / Mr then as symbols of the age. The Handel's secular oratorio. shot off a flurry of vocal fire-Expiry date works. singing passagework at full tilt as if the fate of the Address characters develop into some-Semele, is a trip down Signature thing infinitely larger than memory lane. Created in 1982 Tel themselves; and the great when authenticity was synonworld depended on her voice. Postoode After the pompous boredom of Peter Rose's Cadmus. Palmer's second-act confrontation conymous with high camp, the Guardian Brokes, 29 Pal Mat Deposit, Bar Other UK Only. E-Mail biok@vnatl.bogo.co.ul. Prose do not send any tentrer meterus fran other car tains writing of a fury and pas costumes are neo-classical and sion unmatched on the London tlemen. And let your bluer slightly comic: the sets with ripe hamming was needed. assorted pillars, pillows and Details 0171 304 4000

t may set out to celebrate the affinities between film and art, but mostly Spellbound makes you aware of the irreducible differences beween movie- and gallerygoing. There's the difference between sitting in the dark and walking around: or between watching a film for a set length of time and taking your own time viewing exhibits in the order you choose. And there's the difference between the viewer sitting in silence and the gallery-goer dispensing loud, erudite observations to anyone in earshot. The artist Boyd Webb points out a still more crucial differ-

ence. In art galleries, you never eat popcorn. More rever-ent cinephiles tend not to.

(I came in to find Janet Leigh locked in an extended clinch). From a distance, the slow motion is ecstatically voluptuous up close, frame follows frame in nervy, spasmodic leaps. Either way, it makes you feel as unsettled as Norman Bates.

Conversely, Steve McQueen's Stage enfokis you in a room theatrically curtained off. On film. McQueen and Margaret Kinnon shoot foreboding or amorous looks across the empty space, but never meet. It looks like an abstract distillation of sixties urt cinema, Antonioni retuned to racial / sexual identity poll-tics: but it also has a tactility at once caressing and oddly

confrontational

A night in with a fine wine

Televison Adam Sweeting

T ISN T quite clear whether this week's Brit Awards were triumpliant or cata strophic, though the way all the stroppy and controversial bits were cravenly censored from Tuesday's TV broadcast suggests that the organisers feared that several of our leading pop personalities had brought the game into disrepute. Paul Weller has managed to

embody the widespread ambiv-alence about the Brits in particular and gong-collecting in general by never quite declin-ing an award, but not quite managing to turn up to collect one either. Last year, he huffily refused to set foot on the prenises to grab his Best Male Artist figurine. This year, he appeared only on videotape. in which he accepted the honour with typical studied incoherence. Perhaps his real reward was last night's Later Presents Paul Weller In Concert (BBC2), although surely host Jools Holland could have de-vised a fresher simile than ". a man who, like a fine wine, has improved with age". We must be grateful that Paul has abandoned mewling soft soul and fake funk and rediscovered the electric guitar. He plays it with fire and swagger and every now and again forgets himself completely and in-dulges in bouts of rampant guitar-heroism. All he needs now is a few songs you can recog-nise, like the ones he used to write in The Jan. Currently, our Best Male Artist sounds like a time-travelling fusion of Bad Company, Traffic and Blind Faith, which tells you plenty about the State of Pop.

Cybill Shepherd would turn up for an award even if both legs were in traction and she was immured in an iron lung Cybill's career has become a slightly desperate struggle to convince the world that she can act, that she's breathtak-ingly beautiful, and that she's funny. For proof that she cores C-minus on all counts. ake a look at Cybill (C4). Laugh? I would have watched the Mark Thomas Comedy Product instead, but preview topes were "unavail-able" (fascinating subtext here about the way TV companies can manipulate what's re-viewable, but we don't have time for that now). Actually, Cybill did have a few chorde-some one-liners, mostly thanks to her friend Marianne, but the really striking thing about the show is its fanatical self-centredness. This is a pro-gramme about the Holbwood gramme about the Hollywood elite and Cybill's unagined place in it. Much of the script comprised jokes in which Cy-bill pretended to be self-depre cating about her obstacle-filled life, but really it was a protracted whinge about how people don't love her enough. Only in California. Compare and contrast with

The Fast Show (BBC2), which is exactly what it says. It's fuelled by sheer pace, with scenes flying so rapidly it be-comes irrelevant whether you like it, loathe it or can't understand a word. Rowley Birkin QC is a cartoon establishment gerintric, steeped in whisky and oozing gibberish, while Big Show is both a parody and an exact copy of a Greek/Ita-lian Spanish TV show. Choicest sketch was "Jazz Club", an in-concert TV show of excruciating hipness featuring the Donald Strong Jazz Tendency playing the classic. In A Turquoise Mood. Like a fine wine, Donald had improved

David Starkey comes of age

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nfor's collected ennemera The robot woman from Lang's Metropolis: books of knitting patterns — all sitting on the skewed shelves of some knockup storage racks.

Pholozzi calls this lazy nonsense an attempt to describe an indescribable film, but really it is a monument to Pao lozzi himself, and even includes a maquette of the artist's sculpture for the British

Library. Both Paolozzi's lumber room and Peter Greenaway's huge in stallation function primarily as lists of props, locations, actors and ac tresses. of references and filmic quotes. Greenaway sees himself as an artist and his peregrinations around the international art circuit have, as much as anything else been shopping trips for artistic ideas. Live actors sit waiting in glass booths (shades of Bacon's protagonists trapped in their space-frames, and of Tikia Swinton in her cabinet at the Serpentine last year) while around them thunder crashes

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and lights flash. There are tables laden with the impedimenta of imaginary filmic scenes - in the bordelic and at the breakfast table, in the suicide room and at the abattoir — and an ever-grow-ing pile of daily papers. A pig's head sits in a galva-

nised bucket, there are rubber gloves, a whip, letters, old radios. a boiling bucket of the atrucal blood and . . . no. I can't go on. The installation artist Robert Wilson does this kind of thing much, much better. Paolozzi and Greenaway hide

οπη τρατιαία τη weightless and — like the cine comic but magoers' favourite nibble nomentarily satisfying.

But Spellbound does have its moments. Douglas on a screen floating over the spectators heads in a darkened, empty space, generates an allpervasive atmosphere of narcolentic menace. Lingering on each frame, the slowed-down version dwells on the inexorable. The relationship between the materiality of film, an engagement with the mechanics of the medium itself, and its

relationship not only to narrative and plot but also to the place of the spectator is developed further in the work of Fiona Banner and Steve

McQueen. The triumvirate of Banner, McQueen and Gordon - all artists, first and foremost nave produced the most connelling works here. Banner writes laborious shot-by-shot descriptions of epic films, as though describing a film to a blind man. She has written, by hand, a contin uous narrative description of each successive moment in Coppola's Apocalypse Now oss a huge sheet of paper which corresponds in size and format to the cinema screen itself. She treats film much like Cézanne treated a stretch of Provence, moving slowly from foreground to background. from beginning to end. We pick our way through the movie's dramatic terrain and ask our-selves whether an objective

his name — is a young, black British artist whose films are a high-point in the current Brit ish Art Show, McQueen's work is both film and art of a very high order. In Stage, a black man (the artist himself) and a white woman perform a silent choreography in space. accompanied by the rhythmic mechanical clatter and whirl of the projector. The black and white film dwells on black and white skin, on the details of bodies, on reflecting masses. on simple but ambiguous ges tures. Light sifts through the film, across bodies, walls, and empty, monochromatic space The film fills a wall, and its stark reflection leaks across the gallery's polished door into the spectator's space. The expe rience of McQueen's work feels as much like painting or sculpture as film. One is made aware of the

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The Bluetones

The Garage, Glasgow

Reviews

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-HE Bluetones may sheer at being corralled into Britpop's star enclosure. having deliberately laid low for the last Union-Jacked year. But tonight's Garage gig is. from start to finish, a musical primer in post-dance English rock in roll Drums and bass do that break-beat-Stone-Roses-Paul Weller thang. allowing the creamy-faced students to shimmy and bounce in each others' arms. Guitars cut thick, ragged lumps out of a familiar broth of psychedelic chords and visceral distortion And the singer" Rake-thin, mop-top, kinda shy, does a. monkey walk to the mike, octasionally squalls at a blocs harp, throws Evian to the hol-



reading of a film is possible.

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ments rather than others.

Bluetones' kinda shy lead singer. Mark Morris

bing hordes. So far, so conformust. But it needn't be so ordinary for the Bluetones. The new album, Waiting To Fly, whets the appetite for a more gentle. yet not necessarily camp strain of new British pop. Mark Morris's solt and yearning voice taps into the whitechocolate-sweetness of Squeeze's Glenn Tilbrook or Serio Politi's Green Gartsale tones come through though the types of love an a



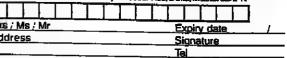
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National gilt fees still have the edge

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Cashpoints

■NATIONAL Savings. the Government's high street savings arm. is increasing the commission it charges on purchases and sales of gilts through the National Savings Stock Register, with effect from March 1.

The commission will be increased to 0.7 per cent from 0.6 per cent on the first £5.000, and 0.375 per cent thereafter on any amount over £5.000. The charge will be a mini-mum of £12.50 for purchases. up from the existing £5. But National Savings says buying gilts worth £1,000 through its register will still cost only £12.50, compared to the average stockbroker commission of £22.60 on similar deals. There will be no fixed minimum charge on sales. Anyone selling gilts valued at £250 will pay £1.75 and sales worth £1,000 will cost £7.

THE National & Provincial Building Society has a three-year fixed-rate savings bond paying 6 per cent before tax on minimum deposit of £2.500. Savings of between £10,000 and £24,999 will return 6.25 per cent gross, and investment of at least £25,000 earns 6.5 per cent gross.

LLOYDS Bank has launched a novel offshore say ings account offering investors a chance to punt on the foreign exchange market Savers will need at least £10,000 to open its new one-year Offshore Limited Edition Deposit (OLED) account that links the returns to the ex-change rates of sterling against the US dollar.

The actual pay-out will de-pend on how the dollar 'sterling exchange rate moves over the year in relation to three pre-arranged bands staring at 8 cents, 10 cents and 12 cents. The exchange rate will be set on March 4. So for example, if on the first day the dollar is trading at £1.51 and the exchange rate stays within a range of 8 cents up or down, the account will

return 15 per cent. If it trades outside this range but remains within the 10 cent range, the return is reduced to 11 per cent. Should the dollar sterling exchange rate drift apart by more than 12 cents the bank will return the original de-posit plus gross interest at 3.65 per cent. For the next 12 months an

average of forecasts from UK institutions suggests that the igodote (\mathbf{f})





tually penniless, he will not be able to bring the action in Na-N ANOMALY caused by the Legal Aid Act mibia, where legal aid is not available. As RTZ is registern in England, he started promay prevent a man who developed throat creedings against it in the English High Court, for which he obtained legal aid. Rather cancer while working for a Rio Tinto Zinc subsidiary from ever having his case con

sidered by the courts. Edward Connelly, a Scot. emigrated to South Africa in Almost penniless, 1972 when he was 22. Eventu-ally he obtained work in Nahe will not be able mibia as a foreman at a mine to sue in Namibia for Rossing Uranium Ltd. which is owned by RTZ. He returned to Scotland in where legal aid 1982 and shortly afterwards is not available developed throat cancer. He has had to undergo a larynged tomy: which means he can speak only through his oe-

than try to resist his claim on sophagus, and is unlikely to its merits. RTZ argued that ever be able to work again. He the action should be tried only attributes this to the contact in Namibia, There was no real reason for it to raise this arguhe had with ore dust while in Namibia, the cancer being ment other than the fact that auite a common condition

Market waits to see if Orange shares are upwardly mobile

Teresa Huxto

HE future's briefd. the future's Orange -but will the company's shares turn ons? This is the out to be les question which would be inrestors must decide before the company floets on the stock -market next week. Its 600,000 customers should this week have received an in-vitation to make a minimum 21,000 investment in Orange, which has grown spectacu-larly since its launch some

two years ago. Right now Orange, having wrong footed its competitors, is seen as the coolest kid on the block. As one City analyst said: "Or-ange has got a lot of things right. Investors have to decide whether it will continue with such an impressive performance

Logic would suggest there is only one way for the mobile hone market to move and that is up, given that fewer than 10 per cent of the UK population has a mobile, com pared with around 25 per cent in many other industrialised countries. But a report published this week warned that the four giant mobile phone operators will see their profits growth severely limited over he next decade

The study, by London con-sultancy CIT. says that while subscriber numbers are expected to reach more than

The courts are commonly

whereby a case could be tried

in more than one country: an English person on holiday in

In deciding whether or not

to accept jurisdiction in such a situation, the English Court

will ask whether there is an-

other country where the action can be tried "more suit-

ably for the interests of all par-ties and the ends of justice". One might have thought it

flew in the face of common

sense to say Mr Connelly's

case could be most suitably

country where in reality it would not be conducted at all.

Despite the obvious attrac-

tions of this argument, RTZ was able to persuade the Court of Appeal that the legal

extra costs and bonus damages

if they insist on going to court.

The Law Lord, responsible

for devising a simpler, cheaper

system. is proposing that liti-

gants come to an out-of-court

deal. If the case goes to court

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and the result shows the out-of-

accepted. judges will be able to

award costs to the party mak-

In a separate move. Co-

lumba Provident Society and the specialist insurance bro-

ker Greystoke Legal Services have come up with a private

sector legal aid scheme de-signed to give citizens who do

not qualify for legal aid -- but do not want to risk their sav-

ings -- access to justice. Under

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10 million by the year 2005, a What you can expect to pay price war between the four giants, Vodafone, Cellnet, Mercury One-2-One and Orange, will push their com-bined revenue up by only 10 LowCall (A) per cent over the same period The chief irony is that Or-Capital Call (A) nge looks set to become a vic-Pers World Extra tim of its own success. Its cus Just World Extra tomer-focused, streamlined. Cellnot harging structure has prod-Occasional call (A) ded its competitors into fight-Occasional call inc. (A) ing back. Though mobile phone reve-Regular call plus inc requent call plus local & inc nues will peak around the turn of the century, from then on profits will fall as compa-Orangi Taik 15 nies compete for personal sub-scribers. A key factor will be Talk 60 Taik 200 who secures the most custom Talk 540 ers for the more profitable modern digital services and successfully persuades cus-tomers of the older analogue Bronte Sliver Gold services to migrate While Orange and Mercury One-2-One only operate digital networks, market leaders Vo dafone and Cellnet have both we. t = win.30wece. t = secs digital and analogue. Vodafone bas already seen reve-nues per subscriber fall from forecasts in the prospectus £740 in 1993 to £472 in 1995 as i increasingly acquired costconscious personal ubscribers. Orange shares are unlikely to pay any dividends until 200 and the company is not due to break into profit before 1998.

although they are by no means all agreed. Pessimistic analysis value the company at nearer £1.8 or £1.9 billion. The shares are therefore only suitable for investors looking for long-term capital growth. Even then, investors are being asked to invest in a com

And there is cause to be pessimistic. Mobile phone retailer People's Phone last month abandoned its plans to float on the stock market

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Orange's strength is that it is winning the battle for the more profitable digital cus-tomers with consumerfriendly deals. While One-2-One offers free local calls at than doubled since its launch

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weekends, Orange devised a range of monthly rental pack-ages which offer a number of "free" calls within the monthly rental.

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it in Namibia. Despite the un-fairness of the result. Mr Connelly's lawyers have not sought to appeal to the House of Lords. The law as it stands was probably applied cor-

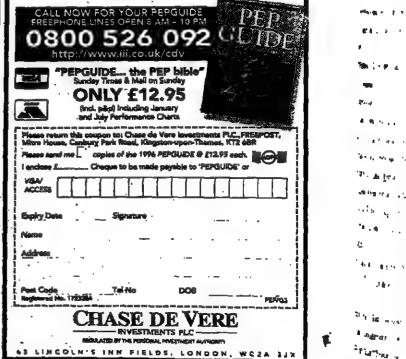
PEPGUIDE SPOT THE WINNERS solicitor, Richard Meeran of

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Leigh Day Co, has agreed to represent him here without legal aid. He will act under a "conditional fee agreement". Intro-duced last year. these enable lawyers to take on cases on the understanding they will be paid only if they win. Mr. Connelly's case is a com-plicated one, and Mr. Meeran's firm may have to pay expert witnesses out of its own pocket answers on where to invest for the results you want. with no guarantee of recoup-ing the money, which solici-tors would not normally do. It is not yet clear whether the courts will accept, now PEP portfolio, PEPGUIDE is a must. up-to-date performance charts, it gives you all the legal aid is no longer a factor. that the matter should be dealt with in England. RTZ, which is not willing to make a realistic offer to Mr

Meeran, has indicated it intends to continue doing all it can to stop the courts considering the claim, quite probably leaving its former em-

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US dollar will be trading at around £1.50 to £1.54. But. remember that the Forex mar ket is a cruel mistress.

BARCLAYS Bank has come up with a way of capi-talising on the forthcoming eduction in savings tax. Under the new rules from April 6, all interest which taxpaying savers receive will have tax deducted at 20 per cent, down from the current 25 per cent. Barclays customers can defer any interest due on savings accounts until after the new rate takes effect.

■THE Share Centre, the nofrills share-dealing service, is offering football fans an opportunity to back their teams w buying club shares at a flat e. The broker will buy or sell shares worth £1,000 for a com-mission of £5. Shares covered include Manchester United. Tottenham Hotspur, Milwall and Preston North End.



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disclose all material facts of

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Bob Gordon of Greystoke says

Greystoke says its case-load shows that 80 per cent of the

court cases it is involved with

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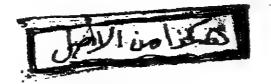
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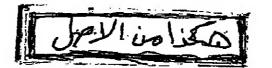
Further details from Bob Cordon, Greystoke Legal Ser-vices, Greystoke House, 80-86 Westow Street, London

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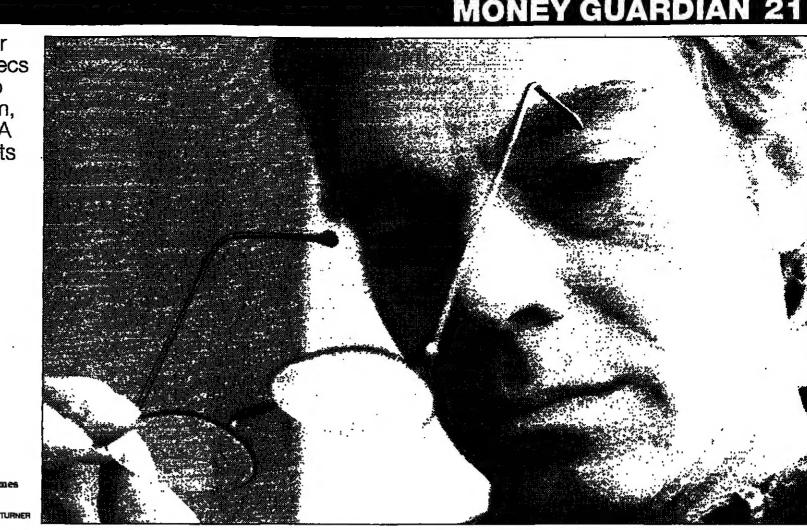






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ance. Big names, including Boots and SpecSavers, will only give a one-year manufacturer's guarantee to cover breakage, and advise customers to get their household contents insurance extended to an all-risks policy, which will cover loss away from the

nome. At the time Mr Morrow did not have a contents policy, and he had hoped to insure his

glasses separately. His opti-cian told him to contact the Hospital Savings Association, a cash benefits scheme which covers optical claims as well is dental care, chiropody and physiotherapy, plus general medical insurance.

Weekly payments, from £1.45. cover a whole family for all 19 benefits. But for optical claims alone this would pay just £27, much less than the annual premium, and so was not a suitable option.

The HSA scheme's became popular through opticians when the NHS scrapped free eye tests in April 1989. Opti-cians started to offer eye tests for the same price as those available on the NHS. Dolland and Aitchison, one of Britain's

largest opticians, rushed to offer insurance packages as part of the test scheme in an attempt to corner the market.

of the number of fraudulent claim if the glasses were lost or stolen. But for breakage claims he took the policy of claims, insurance companies withdrew the policies. Jarrett Insurance still offers a separate policy, under fered by his optician, which charges a premium of £10 to £25 depending on the type of written by NIG Skandia. covlenses and claims to provide cover for two years. ering both contact lenses and glasses. However, the annual It is worth checking the small print when taking out premium is 20 per cent of the original cost and there is a ceiling of £250. Insurance for breakage cover. The lifespan more expensive glasses is of glasses is about two years. and the policy offered by Mr

negotiable. Vision Express has a lead Morrow's optician only pays among retailers when it comes clauus for damage within the to breakage cover. For a £12 first 18 months, after which the premium is reinbursed to be put towards a new pair. The premium customers can claim for accidental damage on all

Insurance through household contents policies is the easiest way to protect expensive new spectacles, and these can be extended to personal effects

glasses, Its Vision Care Plan option of insurance through household contents policies is covers 80 per cent of repair and replacement costs. the easiest way to protect new A spokeswoman for Vision Express said independent op-ticians are less likely to offer insurance because they sell a specs. The policies can be extended to cover personal belongings under an all-risks category where claims can be made for events outside the wider range of expensive designer frames. Vision Express

is not likely to lose money Eagle Star offers an extra through insurance claims as cover option on its Home Star

policy which will cover los

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average, which is between £150-£200, the policyholder

Cliff Jones

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will be asked to pay E2 towards the claim but will get a 25 per cent discount off the whole policy. Claims can be made if the glasses do not exceed the £750 single article limit, which is unlikely. Saga Services, which specialises in the over-50s market, offers a similar allrisks package. Glasses can be covered under the standard

home insurance policy where claims for accidental damage and destruction are subject to a £25 excess fee. An additional premium is charged for dam-age for loss and theft away from the home

There is no ideal option available for insuring glasses but the most economical choice, which Mr Morrow made, is to insure glasses for breakage through an optician and to claim for loss and theft only through a household con-tents policy, hence keeping premiums low.

But for spec-wearers who may be renting and would rather not take out a personal belongings policy, there is no other advice but to avoid the lure of the Armani frames the next time you change your glasses. If you do fail victim to fashion, you will have to choose between hefty premiums or taking the risk. And if

you do have to pay the price

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But today it has no insurance policy for specs. Similarly, David Clulow used to offer an insurance scheme, but says that because

Mr Morrow had to settle for taking out a household contents policy on which he could

more than £150.

few customers would

Mortgage code comes under fire

Teresa Hunter OME buyers could

be forgiven for con-cluding that a new mortgage code produced this week amounted to little more than a statement of existing bad practice. **Repossessions** continue at roughly 1,000 per week, there are more than 1 million people trapped in negative equity and many of the elderly who bought home income plans live in dread of losing their homes — so improved protection for mortse borrowers is vital. Morgtage lenders have successfully persuaded the Government that a code of

practice is all that is needed. But the Consumers' Association has called for the Fi-nancial Services Act to be extended to cover mortgages, claiming the new code, had "dodged the key issues". The position of borrowers

with arrears, for example, has frequently been aggravated by substantial addi-tional fees which bave sent debts spiralling beyond their control. The new code does not out-law these onerous burdens

on those most at risk of losing their homes — but al-lows lenders to levy monthly or quarterly fees,

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or to charge each time an account is examined. Lenders have been criti-cised for introducing postcompletion redemption pen alties, whereby a lender unilaterally imposes a three-month interest penalty when a loan is redeemed. Rather than condemning this practice the code says: Where terms and cond tions may be varied, lenders will tell customers bow any variations will be notified, and will give customers reasonable notice before any variation takes effect. Similarly, the code maintains that lenders cannot be held responsible for the majority of advice given, as they claim they do not

cent lower than the rates on credit cards offered by rivals recommend mortgages. To this end, borrowers will be such as Barclays and NatWes who charge an annual fee of at least £10. The interest rate is asked to sign a disclatmer saying they got no advice. Even where lenders make also lower than on the no-fee card — with a 51-day interest a recommendation, which free period — issued by the National & Provincial Buildmust be explained in writing, they have the ultimate get-out in the code which ing Society, set to become part of Abbey National . says that "any recommenda tion will be subject to marbanks took a beating last week with the launch of the latest ket conditions at the time". This means customers cancard from Royal Bank of Scotnot expect their lender to have any additional foreland. RBS Advanta boasted an APR of 15.9 per cent on pur-chases, with no annual fee. sight of expertise than they themselves possess. It

would also absolve them of launched in response to RBS another mortgage scandal — the high-pressure sale of Advanta. However, like the American company Advanta endowment mortgages. Abbey said its research told it

Abbey plays a competing card

that people favoured low rates

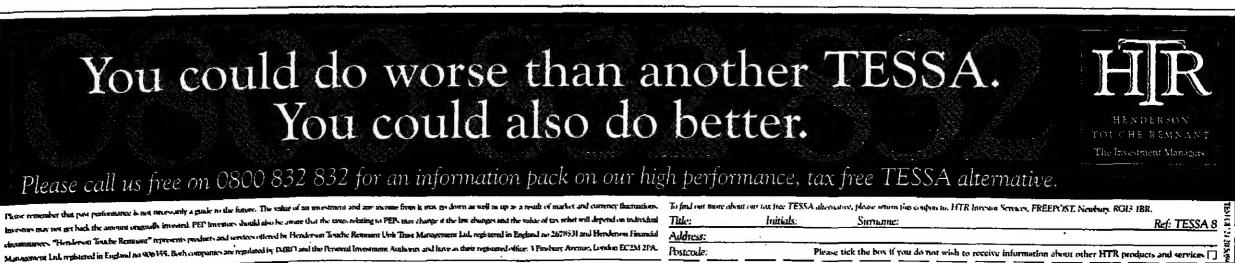
over loyalty scher NatWest offers Air Miles to its Visa cardholders and Barlaunched its first credit card, which will claycard gives away Profile points which can be exchanged for goods from its gift catalogue. The Visa card has an annual

Abbey says that potential cardholders must be existing customers. A spokeswoman said that non-customers could open an Abbey account to obtain a card. Its current account has the lowest authorised overdraft charges on offer from high street banks, at an

APR of 9.9. Credit card usage is on the increase. Figures from the Credit Card Research Group showed spending on plastic cards last month had increased by 16.1 per cent on January 1995. The group said that Christmas shopping had boosted card spending to a new record of £7.9 billion per

month in December. Charles Toner, Abbey Na-tional's retail managing direc-tor, said: "Credit cards will continue to grow in popular ity, and we have the financial strength to offer a particularly attractive card."

Holders of other cards will have an incentive to use their plastic when NatWest aunches a new promotion through its cash machines. The bank is to issue money-off vouchers on the back of receipts.



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A Big Bang approach with a large number of stocks is dangerous

Capel-Cure Myers

Our members appear to be reasonably happy with existing arrangements National Association of Pension Funds

We have failed to convince market users of the need for change NatWest Markets

City revolt rocks Exchange

Patrick Donovan and Paul Murphy

HE Stock Exchange faces huge pressure to suspend its plans for restructuring the share market after being confronted with a virtual vote of no confidence by many of the City's most powerful broking houses. Dozens of the higgest financial institutions made it clear yesterday that they refuse to support the exchange's plans to introduce European-style "order-driven" trading by its self-imposed August deadline

The exchange has offered the City further time to liaise over a reform which repre-

sents the biggest market up-heaval since Big Bang in 1988. troducing "order-driven" trading, which is based on But several of its leading nembers insisted yesterday that they saw no need for any change in the existing "quote-driven" system which relies on market makers posting prices at which they are pre-pared to buy and sell shares. Their views were made known after the exchange tried to widen the debate over the market's future by making public more than 100 response es it had received to a questionnaire about reforming the hare market. Many made it clear that they still have grave reservations about the exchange's plans to square up to growing European competition by in-

dealers posting the size of bargain they wish to deal. Leading brokers such as BZW, Capel-Cure Myers and Winterflood Securities joined with bodies such as the National Association of Pension Funds to say that they saw no pressing reason to change the way the markets work. The Office of Fair Trading warned that it could inves tigate some aspects of the Stock Exchange's proposed reforms which come under its

rial benefits.

may result in the irreversible inution in the stature of Capel-Cure Myers said: "We the London market." remain to be convinced how the introduction of order-Brian Winterflood at Win-terflood Securities refused to driven systems will add mate fill in the questionnaire, saying this would be "tantan

to giving a tacit approval to something that is not

> Natwest Markets said: "We should not move forward with a new structure simply to meet a self-imposed time de

market"

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needed. BP said: "Changes are being forced on the markets from three main areas. They are Liffe, overseas investors and the UK market makers. The UK market makers are now owned by companies who put risk control above supplying liquidity to a quote-driven

But other institutions, such

UBS said the exchange should "concentrate on bein the global exchange for UK so-curities, although it could, and in our view should, offer a competitive service in emerging markets where the local exchanges and investor bases

Dow Jones has performed so mightily over the past year is that the 30 corporations which nake up the index have been through their own micro-

Wall Street sails

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In fact, it is the drive for shareholder value — in the shape of AT&T. the US telecoms group, shedding 40,000 Buchanan and reinforced his anti-corporatist sentiments. Other DJIA-S0 companies which have been through the restructuring mill include: the conglomerate ITT, Minne-sota Manufacturing and Mining (better known as 3M). American Express and IBM. Analysts estimates suggest that this has been worth at least a 1000 point rise in the Dow, as investment value has been released. The same phe-nomena has been seen in the

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This release of shareholder value has co-incided with an important substitution mong US investors who, in the 1990s, have moved cash out of low-interest cheque and money market accounts into mutual funds, which invest in shares, and offer better returns. Investors, particu-larly those from the baby boom generation. have been

Currently, mutual funds in the US --- the equivalent of our units trusts and Peps --- have some \$3,000 billion invested. of which some 45 per cent are in the stock market. Although there has long been a tradition of popular capitalism in the US, the current situation is regarded by US economists as a sea change.

T PRESENT, and in real terms, the percentage of household wealth held in stocks and shares is reckoned to be in the order of 33 per cent. This is still below the peak of 40 per cent reached in the 1953-65 ern, which suggests that the current Wall Street surge has headroom, particularly if the US economy continues to grow, even at a more edate pace. Mutual funds have become the new savings of preference.

the holding pen for cash destined to pay school and university fees, put down a house deposit and prepare a nest-egg for retirement. They have come to occupy much the same territory in the US as the Pep, in all its manifestations. would hope to conquer in Britain,

The other factor which has driven Wall Street to new peaks is the surge in technology stocks, not so long ago coned a minority in

Facing the music ... Jürgen Schneider arrives under guard at Frankfurt airport after nearly two years on the run with his wife Claudia (above) PHOTOGRAPHS: APPRUTERS

Tycoon takes flight to prison — first class, naturally

IAN TRAYNOR sees fugitive couple return to stand trial in Germany

UGITIVE Jürgen Schneider — brick-layer, business school graduate and estate agent extraordinative - was behind bars last night after almost two years on the run fleeing charges in Germany's big-gest property scandal since

were remanded by a Frankfurt judge pending trial on an expected six charges of fraud and falsifying papers and abetting fraud, to fund the building boom and property purchases he undertook after German unification in 1990. His empire collapsed in 1994 leaving

The tycoon was traced to Miami last May from where he fought the German au-thorities' extradition case until last month when be agreed to return. He fled Germany in April 1994 as his huge property bubble burst and Deutsche Bank.

The Schneiders emerged from the first-class compartment of a Lufthansa iet esterday after a row over their flight arrangen and who should foot the bill. The Hesse state authorities agreed eventually to meet the cost of a special deal for first class travel

pected to open before the end of the year, may see their lawyers trying to turn the case into an indictment of Deutsche and the German banking system. Mr Schneider consistently claims he has been a victim of banking potentates who arbitrarily decided to make

instituting bankruptcy proceedings. The case could prove a further embarrassment for

Deutsche. When the Schneiders fled to America, the bank's chief, Hilmar Kopper, damaged its image by describing as "peanuts" the millions of marks the

Alex Brummer

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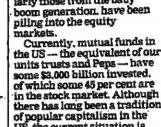
T MIGHT have been thought White House corralled by Congress and a Republican, la-belled an extremist and, worse, the early leader for his party's presidential nomination, Wall Street might be in a state of nervousness. Not a bit of it. In Thursday trading the Dow Jones had its best day since the US aconomy was pulling robustly out of recestion in January 1991.

Indeed, over the past year Wall Street has climbed 38.7 per cent, a bravura performance which puts every other developed market in the shade. This year alone New York has added just under 10 per cent with the most recent ains across all equity

markets. The relentless upward drive in New York stocks this week was partly driven by change at the Federal Reserve. The reappointment of Alan Greenspan to a third-term as chairman was always likely but, nonetheless, reassuring. In the ten years since he was ap-pointed by Ronald Reagan to succeed Paul Volcker, Greenspan has developed an invinci ble reputation. Like all contral bankers he has been criticised, particularly by the Clinton White House, for over caution on interest rates. In fact, he has been remarkably agile in shifting rates to meet

changing economic trends. As important, perhaps, as Greenspan's appointment w the choice of Alice Rivlin ent was veteran Washington economist — as his deputy. She is seen as one of the surest fore casters in the US capital and has less of the political bag-gage of Clinton's preferred candidate Felix Rohatyn of Lazard Freres. Rohatyn's rep utation resis on his role as a financial fixer, in the Harold Lever mould in the UK. But he is also viewed with some suspicion on Capitol Hill where. as Fed deputy chairman, he would have to go for ratification. The latest rally in Wall Street stocks could be seen as: vote in favour of monetary

UK, but to a lesser degroe, with the proposed break-up of Thorn-EMI and Hanson.



stability, helped along, per-haps, by the Fed chairman's own analysis earlier this week when he indicated there may be room for further easing.

Michael Marks, co-head of global equities at Merrill Lynch, said: "There needs to be an overwhelming demand required" from the majority of the market participants and users in favour of a move towards

order-matching within the ine. Scottish Widows, one of the trading processes of the London market before such a institutions concentrating on major step is taken. "Failure to test proposed the retail market said: "We are relatively satisfied with the current regime, which offers small investors access to relatively cheap dealing fa-cilities and allows larger instichanges at both the macro and detailed level against the over-all objective of retaining the willingness to undertake risk tutions such as Scottish Widows access to significant risk

capital." Some big institutions, such as BP Investments and Mercury Asset Management, indicated that reforms were

as the Prudential, insist the "no change" option should be

are not yet developed"

Mr Schneider, aged 61. and his wife Claudia, 30,

least DM5 billion (£2.3 billion) debts.

mercial bank and his main grounds of security. creditor, pulled the plug. The Schneider trial, ex-

an example of him by withformer estate agents owed drawing his credit lines and to small clients.

Industrial slowdown spreads across Atlantic

Mark Tran in New York and Richard Thomas

EARS that the UK could follow the US into a preelection economic slowdown were faelled yesterday by evidence of British manufacturers putting investment merce department confirmed plans on ice in the face of weakening oversets demand a further deterioration on the Although Treasury officials other side of the Atlantic, with the annual rate of expansion in one of Britain's key marshrowed off the shows data. stressing the longer-term imkets down to 0.9 per cent in the last quarter of 1995 — half the provement in factory capital

spending, some City analysts were busily downgrading their growth forecasts for The Central Statistical

grew by only 21 per cent in Office said copital spending by 1 1995, the commerce depart-

factories between October and | ment said yesterday - the December was £2.991 million. | weakest performance since 9 per cent lower than in the the recession year of 1991. preceding three months. when the economy shrank by, Economists said firms l per cent. could be mothballing spend-Jonathan Loynes, UK econing on new plant and machin-ery because of a sharper-thanomist at HSBC Markets, said: "Coming on top of the poor expected drop in exports. Figures from the US com-

investment figures. the US data look very worrying. Ex-port markets have weakened significantly. The risks to growth are now significantly on the downside. Dealers in London and New

York were immediately placing bets on further cuts in interest rates to keep the two economies moving and en-courage firms to commit to capital projects. But William Waldegrave.

Chief Secretary to the Trea-sury, launched an immediate defence of the UK's investment record. "There are a lot of myths

about investment. In fact, it is a British success story." he said in a statement. Mr Walde grave pointed to CSO figures showing that capital spending by manufacturing companies was 6 per cent higher last year than in 1994. "This is the second year in a row that it has risen at a

healthy rate, and we expect this to continue. The pattern of investment during 1995 highlights the

recession in the construction industry, with a 7 per cent fall in spending on new buildings,

but increases of 4 per cent for vehicles and 9 per cent for plant and machinery.

Separate figures from the CSO showed that factories were only slowly running down their plentiful stocks during the last quarter of 1995 Overall, firms stored goods worth £647 million between October and December, down from £769 million in the preceding three months.

Simon Briscoe, an econo-mist at Nikko Europe. said: "This suggests that the stock unwinding will be later, or bigger, or both." In the US, analysts said

growth in the last quarter of 1995 had been adversely affected by two partial govern-

ment shutdowns as the Clinton administration and congressional Republicans bickered over a balanced-budget plan. Other factors that proved a

drag on growth included weakness in consumer spending and a big decline in inven-tories as businesses moved to reduce their stockpiles of unsold goods. Last year's angemic perfor-

mance took place against a background of rising interest rates as the Federal Reserve mounted a pre-emptive strike against inflation. The Fed has since trimmed rates three times since last July to prevent the economy skidding into recession.

But IT is much more than that. There is evidence that important structural changes have been taking place, too. As far as the Big Board is concerned the trend to releasing shareholder value — demerger fever among the blue chips — has been a key factor. This market incentive has been under-pinned by structural changes -among them rediscovery by Americans of all ages. includ-ing the baby boomers, of the value of saving and investment after decades when consumption has been the king. Finally, the America of the 1990s has rediscovered its kills in inventing and making things in the shape of the hi-tech sector. Whereas for much of the past decade the US has suffered a skills and manufacturing inferiority complex in relation to the Japanese and others. the nation's research and technological skills have now become a real factor for the stock market.

Among the reasons that the

Late last year hi-tech stocks were suddenly viewed as over-valued after leading funds, inluding Fidelity Magellan cut back their holdings. However, one of Wall Street's tech gurus, Ronald Elijah, has changed bis mind and is hoo-vering up hi-tech shares including IBM, and Digital

Equipment. Not surprisingly, this week's Wall Street rise has been acompanied by a hi-tech revival with IBM up 3.3 per ent alone, late in the week, to its highest point for a year. Big Blue is back where it used be. as a Wall Street bellwether. It would be nice to believe that the flow of funds into New York has created the ideal investor scenario: ever increas ing share prices. But cautious investors know that at the end of every bull market there is a turn, usually brought on by rising inflation and higher interest rates. That may be temporarily postponed by a cycli-cal downturn in global prices. but no one should count on it.

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Rouse pays \$500m for last assets of Howard Hughes

even refused to have his photo taken. When he died in 1976, Mark Tran In New York Hughes was a virtual prisoner THE final bell tolled for the business empire created by Howard Hughes when his heirs yesterday sold the last assets still under the famous Hughes name to Rouse, a large devalopment of shoring mails developer of shopping malls, for more than \$500 million (£325 million). Howard Hughes built a sprawling empire that spanned aircraft and satellite construction, casinos and Hollywood studios. He owned the Hughes Aircraft company, RKO Pictures Corporation, and a controlling interest in Trans World Airlines. As a Hollywood producer. Hughes was behind successes such as Hell's Angels and Scarface. Once one of the richest men in the world, in the 1950s

Vegas hotel room, with a unroad bid fear of germs and people. Hughes's fortune then was believed to be worth between \$1.5 billion and \$3 billion. But his estate was drastically reassessed by the Internal Revenue Service in 1977 at \$160 million. still a significant sum. Most of his assets have been sold off over the years, leaving property owned by the Howard Hughes Corporation. Its holdings include the Fashion Show Mall on the Las Vegas Strip, Summerlin, a 22,500-acre community in north-west Las Vegas, and several other commercial and industrial sites.

Rouse will pay \$520 million for the Howard Hughes Corporation. The terms of the deal give Hughes shareholders half of any future profits.

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Airwaves lure advertising **De Beers and Russia cut** deal to avert diamond crisis

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Street analysts.

Dan Atkinson

DIAMOND company De Beers and the Russian government appeared last night to have resolved their differences and staved off a worldwale collapse in genistone praces

Agreement on the control of about 95 per cent of Russia's diamonds has been struck six days ahead of deadline.

De Beers controls the sales of about 30 per cent of the world's uncut diamonals, and Russia producing 25 per cent of all diamonds by value, is the second-largest producer (De Beers is the biggest).

A five-year deal signed with the Soviet authorities ran out at the end of 1995 and talks with Russia about renewal seemed deadlocked. Meanwhile. De Beers's grip on the world market was shaken by huge unauthorised exports from Russia, thought to have totalled \$500 million in 1993 and \$1 hillion in 1984.

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There was talk that Russia would have De Beens's Central Selling (hgamsation (CSO) and muck stats own dy monds. Were the Russians to have flooded the market, it would

in prices, which are kept as high as they are only because of the De Beers cartel. Owners of diamond jewellery would have found all but the rarest and largest stones diving in value, and the turbulence would have wreaked havoc in poorer diamond-producing nations such as

Botswana and Namibia. While aware of the dangers of a price crash. Russia - des perate for dollar earnings continued to sell unofficially and to threaten to break the cartel. But it is thought the £66 billion International Monetary Fund loan announced on Thursday may have helped take pressure off

vertising Bureau show that national advertising remained the powerhouse of the Russian authorities. The new deal will run for three years rather than the growth. The launch of national stations such as Clasprevious five and will cover not only newly mined diasic FM helped to spark the monds but also the Russians' revival of radio's advertising strategic stockpile. from fortunes and schemes have now been launched allowing which much of the unautho rised selling took place. In adnational advertisers to buy dition, this deal has been slots across themed local and regional programmes. Last year, national advertissigned with the central government rather than a state agency. And De Beers will no longer by "buyer of last ing grew by 28.1 per cent. 5 per

cent above the total. That gap pisorr" of stones the Russians was, however, narrower than the year before when the have not been able to sell.

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growth in national revenues Lisa Buckingham outstripped the total by 9 per The proportion of national OMMERCIAL radio in-Creased its advertising revenues by nearly 23 per cent to £270.3 million advertising is expected to decline, according to the Henley Centre, which expects last year, accounting for more than 4.2 per cent of the UK's commercial radio to be pulling in revenues of almost display advertisement £350 million by the end of the spending. The rate of revenue growth decade.

But commercial radio's assault on the BBC's audience slowed from 23.4 per cent in . 1994 and 26.4 per cent the year before but still means that it now accounts for more than 50 per cent — will continue. commercial radio is by far the The outgoing head of BBC fastest-growing advertising Radio, Liz Forgan, has premedium. Five years ago it claimed only 2.7 per cent of the



Total advertising • • • Commercial radio 93 54 Television 46 Ginema 37 Press Outdoor 32

Car insurance by phone for AA members

HE AA last night stepped up competition in the car insurance market by unveiling plans to offer direct policles to its 500.000 members. The motoring organisation will start its direct insurance

Cliff Jones

arm this year, subject to De-partment of Trade and Industry approval It also plans to offer direct-

house insurance to members next year.

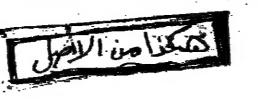
With 2 million policies, the AA already runs the UK's larg est broker service, which was set up in 1987. Mark Wood, managing director of AA Insurance, was confident it could connete with other lirect insurers. He said: "We are putting £14 million into the new operation

tion and we already have one of the country's largest telesales operations. Our only competitor is Direct Line." Others moving into the direct market include Halifax building society, which is launching an operation to complement its new telephone

banking arm.

Hughes turned ever more reclusive. After his disappearance from public view, he TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS Austria Austria Belgium Canada





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increase by another 20 per cent. The stockbroker Panmure Gordon warns that radio's earnings could be hit by next year's launch of Channel 5. The TV station is expected to

offer discounts to advertisers

in order to establish itself.

This will compete directly

with commercial radio but

that would otherwise spill

from ITV and Channel 4 to

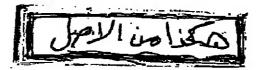
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may also attract advertising

Star Anthony Assessed

stations' audience share will

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PAUL BURDEN on a wartime wheeler-dealer become a role model for reconstruction Twilight of the



After Tito . . . A metalworker fashions woodburning stoves used for cooking when Sarajevo's electricity and gas were cut off during the civil war

Mr Fixit fills Bosnia's black hole

HE mood is suddenly tense in the Business men's Club at the back of Ferhadiya, the main artery of Sarajevo's old town. Someone at the other end of the phone has made Alemka Nuhanovic angry. The backer, who had been invited to finance a DM700,000 (£313,000) deal,

ex-backer.

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ment Group, the consultants working for the World Bank, the manufacturing economy is working at about 10 per cent of capacity. Meanwhile, the old wants a 1 per cent deposit up-front. Five high-decibel min-Yugoslavia no longer exists utes later. the would be and faith in the communist system of central planning has collapsed. The governbacker has become an

No one at the club comment knows there can be no plains about the disruption. return to the past. The task of filling this vac-Mr Nuhanovic is an awesome figure — 6ft plus and not far uum now sits on the desk of short of 18 stone, even without the newly appointed prime minister, Hasan Muratovic. the gold bracelets — with a seriously heavy reputation. The former university profess an articul

has cast a deep sense of gloom over its people. Quite simply, it has become an economic ern market economy. Building a free market economy in Bosnia will be an especially black hole.

difficult task - not only be The physical damage is spine-chilling. According to the International Managecause of the destruction of the war, but also because of the quirky way that the old Titoist ystem had built in a high degree of interdependence among all the constituent republics. The reasoning was that economic self-interest would force them all to hang together. It failed in that, but it has also made it more difficult for an independent Bosnia to stand alone. The Elir works in Tuzla

epitomises the difficulty. It motors serving the whole of the former Yugoslavia. The outcome of the war is that th

firm has been cut off from 40

erators, sent four years

ago from Serbia to be refur-bished, lie undelivered.

There is another legacy of the Tito era which stands in the way of economic revival.

lems — which is causing the most short-term anxiety. At the moment, thousands of workers in state companies are in limbo. They are on somebody's payroll, but they are neither working nor being paid. The giant Polihem polyurethane plant at Tuzla

has produced nothing for four years. Notionally, it still has 800 workers on its books; in practice, most are collecting welfare payments equivalent to DM100 a month or less.

The managers state quite openly that when production restarts and real wages are paid once more, far fewer eople will be collecting then

In theory, a major purpose of reconstruction was to pro-vide stability by finding em-



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EUROPEAN BUSINESS 23 gods of German management

As more flagship companies run into trouble after diversification, boardroom reputations nosedive, says IAN TRAYNOR

OW the mighty are fall-ing. As the proudest names in German business are humbled, as the bankruptcies soar, as the dole queues lengthen, as the balance sheets plunge into the red, questions are being asked about the captains of industry and their performance. The roll-call of blundering within the country's flagship companies is extended by the week: Daimler-Benz, Germany's biggest conglomerate. sustained record losses of DM6 billion (£2.7 billion) last year, AEG, proud manufac-turer of kitchen equipment for over a century, has been broken up; Grundig, the TV-maker, posted losses of half a billion marks last year; and this week the country's big gest shipbuilder, Bremer Vul-kan, filed for protection from its creditors after a onebillion-mark loss last year. Is there something wrong with German management "Many of the big German firms have pursued the wrong strategies in recent years," said Ulrich Hombrecher, chief economist at Düsseldorf's WLB bank. "They expanded into areas away from the group's core activity and the diversification flopped." Richard Reid, vice-president in Frankfurt of Union Banque Suisse, said: "At the and of the Eighties a lot of

capacities." companies were cash-rich. wanting to grow, and just ac-quired businesses not in their core area. But they didn't have the experience or the manage-ment in-depth to run these

businesses Following the Vulkan débàcle in Bremen, exacerbated by the dodgy diversion of an esti-mated DM600 million in European Union subsidies in-tended to prop up yards acquired in former East Germany, fingers are being pointed at boardrooms. Government officials and union leaders called for greater scrutiny of manage ment planning, and demanded that the supervisory boards at big companies be given greater powers.

Some of the biggest names have rapidly gone from being worshipped as visionaries to being derided as villains. This week's prize for mismanagement goes to Friedrich Hennemann, who ran Vulkan from 1987 until last year, when he received a golden handshake estimated at DM1.4 million. He presided over the company's disastrous expan-sion and diversification. With 23,000 jobs at stake in the Vulkan empire, the tabloid Bildzeitung asked: "And Are You Keeping Fine, Herr Hennemann?" Edzard Reuter, the

renowned former Daimler chief, is also in disgrace. He was kicked off the supervisory board last week amid the imlosion of his dream of establishing Daimler as an "inte-grated technology firm". That led to record losses and the decisions to shed AEG and the Dutch aircraft maker Fokker, and to retreat to what the com pany is good at. "If Daimler had stayed mak-

ing cars with Mercedes, there would have been no problems but the attempt at diversifica-tion has failed, " said Mr Hom-brecher. "This problem of bad business strategies and faulty decision-taking is particularly marked with the big German concerns. They don't seem to have sufficient management

Capacines. Grundig's losses are partly attributed to bad planning and management miscalculation of market conditions. Other analysts, however,

suggest that the boardroom culture is essentially healthy. Ulrich Ramm, at Commerzbank in Frankfurt, said that seeming managerial ineptitude was the down-side of what remained on balance a virtue: the greater tendency of German industry and the banking sector to plan meditum-term and to be less hos tage to the fast-profit culture. This meant that German management could sometime e less flexible than its Anglo-Saxon counterpart, slower to react — "more liable to keep going in the wrong direction"

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Mr Nuhanovic is someone being studied quite closely by those who take an interest in the economic future of Bosnia In wartime, he was a controversial figure: when others were negotiating their survival in the besieged city, he was fixing big deals. He was the man who managed to smuggle in 14 tons of coffee, which he sold for DM50 a kilo.

As the wartime economy shrank, his chain of food shops expanded from two to nine. Such entrepreneurial talents — not universally ap-preciated — are, he believes, what Bosnia needs just now.

What is certainly true is that Bosnia today desperately needs new role models. As the war ended, the country was confronted with a picture of economic uncertainty which

refreshingly frank in his answers. He is painfully aware how far his country now depends on the goodwill of international donors, and he is worried that their level of generosity is not going to match the country's needs. The Bosnians reckon the total cost of the war damage is around \$45 billion (£9.7 billion), while the World

Julie Wolf in Brussels

Yugoslavia was a major player in the global defence industry - the world's tenth largest ex-Bank is talking of "loss of pro-ductive assets" of \$15 billion. The international communiporter of arms. And a very large proportion of that business was, for strategic ty's target for post-war aid to-Bosnia is \$5 billion over three years. That, says Mr Muratoreasons, based in Bosnia. Mr Muratovic was candid about the future of the arms vic, is just not enough. On one thing, at least, the industry. It would be decided

by market forces, although subject to a ceiling imposed by the Dayton Accord. overnment and the World Bank are agreed: the revitalis ing of the economy will be However, it is privatisation

Paris and Bonn 'are worst

for setting trade barriers'

achieved through private in-dividuals organised in a mod---- the preferred long-term so-lution to the country's prob-

restless young men returning per cent of its former markets. Around the workshop, large from the war. The reality

Irom the wat. I the vertice looks less promising. All now seems to depend on the World Bank and the talents of people like the wartime economic hero/profiteer Mr Nu-hanovic, an admirer of the government of Mr Muratovic. Someone in government evi-dently reciprocates that feel-ing, since he has now been invited to take the lead in seven new ventures, supported by the state, to rebuild the food manufacturing sector. He certainly doesn't doubt his ability to lead Bosnia

towards some new free-mar ket Jerusalem. Others in Sara evo are biding their time beore passing judgement. Paul Burden was in Bosnia

reporting for the BBC's Busi-ness Breakfast programme.

A Bosnian digs for desperately needed coal in the spoilheap of the abandoned steelworks at Zencia

Dutch government.

The uncertainty over the

future could persuade some of

the company's key personnel to seek jobs elsewhere. The danger was highlighted on Thursday when IBM

revealed it was considering a joint venture with Dutch com

puter firm Roccade Informa-tica which would give jobs to

hundreds of computer engi-

"We are offering the 240 members of Fokker's informa-tion technology department

new jobs by creating a joint venture," said IBM Nederland

spokesman Jan Donders. "They have very specialised knowledge of IT, particularly in the aerospace industry." Fokker said last week that it would ask the Dutch govern-ment to extend the financing package if there was a good

package if there was a good chance of an offer for the air-

craft business.

spokesman Jan Donders.

Worried sceptics force EMU on to electoral agenda

Parties' near unanimity in favour of currency union is finally questioned, reports ADELA GOOCH in Madrid

ATE, but with gusto, Spain has launched a union, revealing the exis tence of Euroscepticism in a country that had appeared unanimously in favour of European integration. The initial salvo was fired by Miguel Boyer, finance minister in the first Socialist government of Felipe Gonzalez and the man who helped former EU president Jacques Delors draw up the original blueprint for mone tary union.

With a general election due on March 3, he criticised both main political parties — the conservative Popular Party and the Socialists — for failing to raise monetary union as an issue. He warned a group of business leaders that the timetable was "an economic fiction disguising hasty po-litical decisions". Even if Spain met convergence targets it might pay a high price in growth and unemployment for joining EMU before carrying out overdue structural reform particularly in the labour market. Mr Boyer said. His comments were rebutted by members of Mr Gonzalez's enthusiastically pro-European government. Luis Angel Rojo, governor of the independent central bank, also said it was im-portant to stick to the original EMU timetable: 'Spain's future cannot be considered outside the European unity process." But Mr Boyer's interven-

tion has served to make the

European debate respect-able. So far only the United

Left party, mainly former communists, has dared

question the wisdom of

monetary and political

union, but a survey in the financial daily La Gaceta

showed business leaders

and economists sharply di-

vided. Few question the pol-icies imposed by Maastricht

to reduce budget deficits and inflation, but many feared the consequences de-

scribed by Mr Boyer if

Spain, with record unem-

ployment of more than 20 per cent, was linked to the German mark in a fixed exchange rate.

For the two largest politi-cal parties, the debate comes at an embarrassing time, during the election campaign. Neither has seri-oasly questioned monetary mion. Both present it as an unquestionable advantage and, with slightly less conviction, insist Spain can meet its Maastricht riteria.

Criteria. Cutting the budget deficit to 3 per cent of GDP by 1997, from 5.8 per cent, is proba-bly feasible with sharp spending cuts. But reducing the reducing data reducing the national debt, which stands at more than 60 per cent of GDP, and cutting ong-term interest rates. could prove harder. The issue is particularly complicated for the Popular Party, which is 10 per cent ahead in the polls and expected to win on March 8. A number of those tipped to take ministerial posts are unashamed Eurosceptics. The business world has welcomed the argument as long overdue and a sign of political maturity. "It is time we questioned Felipe Gonzalez's Euro-funds talism," said one economist So far it is a debate among

cognoscenti. But Spaniards as a whole are becoming less enthusiastic about Europe. When Spain joined the EC in 1986, membership was considered essential to secure the future of democracy, and concessions were made. particularly over agricultural policy.

The Maastricht treaty was passed almost unanimously by the Spanish parliament. Only the United Left voted against. But in the recent fish war with Canada, Spaniards felt poorly supported by their European partners. And the agricultural content of an EU agreement with Morocco was badly received in Spain. These have helped shift support away from the European Union.

Update

🗆 Bulgaria's arms industry, which employs some 140,000 directly and double that number indirectly, had sales of £100 million last year, the state news agency BTA reported on Thursday. The lion's share went to Arab countries. Defence officials have es-

timated that up to 4 per cent of the industry's capacity was enough to cover the needs of the country's 100.000 army.

C) Swiss freight group Danzas announced it is to shed between 1,500 and 2,000 jobs in Europe from its global workforce of 16,500. The cuts are part of a restructuring into three divisions, which will result in a one-off charge of 200 million Swiss francs (£110 million). The group has been struggling to improve profitability since reporting a loss of 17 million Swiss francs for the first six months of 1995.

i) Pharmaceuticals group Pliva is set to become the first Croatian company to launch a global shares sale. Around 30 per cent of the company is being offered to investors and the shares are being sold by the Croatian privatisation fund. The shares will be listed on the Zagreb and London stock markets.

1] Italian state holding com-pany IRI needs to sell telecoms group Stet by June, in order to reduce its indebtedness, IRI chairman Mario Tedeschi told an Italian newspaper. IRI owns 61.3 per cent of Stet.

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take years UROPEAN Union Among the sectors with countries are underminmost obstacles to trading across borders were insuring the single market in areas from public procurement to recognition of professional qualifications, with Germany and France among the worst offenders, the European Com-mission said yesterday. said.

In its annual report to ministers and the European Parliament on internal trade bar-riers, the commission said it received 54 complaints last year about trade barriers in Germany. At one-fifth of the total, this was more than any other EU country. France was next with 48,

and Italy some way behind with 32. Britain, which has a reputation for overzealousness in enforcing EU legisla-tion, was the target of just 10 complaints, while there were none concerning Ireland. The report also showed that

the greatest number of legal cases for failure to implement EU single market laws correctly, concerned Germany. The figures are certain to be used by the internal market commissioner, Mario Monti, in his increasingly vocal campaign to get Germany to tear down trade barriers, which often take the form of over-complex technical standards. Although Mr Monti said

vesterday that operation of the ingle market was 'reasonably satisfactory", he com-plained of "persistent barriers to the free movement of people, goods, services and capital". He promised firmer legal action against govern-ments that fail to eliminate the barriers. Even though these

ance, public procurement and new technologies and services, the commission report It added that Brussels had succeeded last year in getting the Netherlands, Italy and Greece to drop discriminator public tendering rules, but more progress was needed. Among the cases where the commission has intervened and sometimes succeeded in removing obstacles — are ski instructors in France, botel managers in Greece, teachers in Germany and Greece, and loctors in Britain. EU countries have on aver-age adopted just over 98 per

"infringement proceedings" often yield results they can

cent of the 276 measures needed to put in place the single market.

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Fokker resigned to job cuts payments for orders from the Samsung is expected to clar-

Mark Milner European Business Editor ify its position later because it is less advanced in its assessment of the state of Fokker's TRICKEN Dutch aircraft business Any bid, however, will al-most certainly be for Fokker subsidiaries or assets, not for the shares of the holding com-pany which has debts of more Snaker Fokker expects its week as the Canadian group Bombardier and South Korea's Samsung weigh up ossible bids. But Fokker officials acthan £1.2 billion. The Dutch company ---which applied for court pro-tection from its creditors last nowledge that even if one or both of the companies does make an offer for the aircraft month after its controlling manufacturing operations, the Dutch group is likely to shareholder, Daimler-Benz Aerospace, refused further aid --- has worked out a strategy face extensive restructuring and job losses. "No matter what the sce-nario, we have to look at furin the event of neither Bombardier nor Samsung actually making an offer. It would inmaking an other. It would in-volve the company concen-trating on those parts of the business not under protection from creditors. Fokker is under time pres-sure. Its aircraft manufac-tures is bised business to be a ther restructuring and job losses," said a spokesman. Fokker expects Bombardier, which owns Shorts of Belfast, one of Fokker's biggest suppliers, to make its in-tentions known early in the turer is being kept going by a mixture of loans and advance

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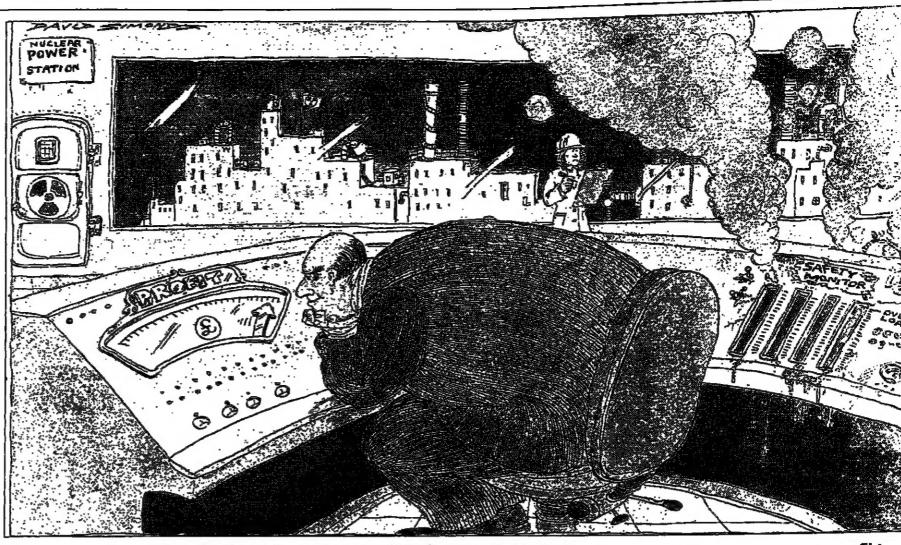
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Sell-off raises safety margin fears



CHRIS BARRIE reports from Somerset, where officials try to plan for a 'credible' nuclear accident. Right, GREG PALAST looks at America's private nuclear plants

HE MAN from Som- | British Energy, the company erset County Coun-cil was explaining why radioactive fall-out is so dangerous. "You can't see, feel. smell or hear it. It makes it all the more frightening. Something could be harming you, and you would not know."

Russell Davies knows all about nuclear power As senior emergency planning officer in Taunton, he is responsible for keeping the county prepared for the un-thinkable: a disaster at the nearby Hinkley Point atomic

nower station The thought of an atomic meltdown on the Somerset coast may seem as academic as the language in which the industry discusses such a hor-

formed to own the eight reacin the long term, staff at the tors after privatisation: site would split along com- Guarantees that Governpany lines although some ment safety inpectors would safety procedures required crack down on staff incentives them to act as one. to keep plants running when they should be shut down; Formal boardroom representation for safety vested in would dissolve. Job cuts would also cause unease. one executive director. Mr Deal said: "We don't

Mr Davies and his boss, Somerset's emergency plan-ning officer Peter Deal, view privatisation with a wary eye Their first line of defence is

staff overriding safety in favour of profit, but nodded when his colleague asked: "But what were the NII up to The accident at at Wylfa?" That event. Mr Wylfa put 'a big Deal said, put "a big question question mark' mark" over safety arrangements. The judge in the Wylfa case cleared Nuclear Electric of over safety

plume, dispersing over distance but depositing traces "at considerable distances from the site". People can be con-taminated by inhaling the ma-terial, being physically exposed to it, or by eating and drinking contaminated food and water.

officials were concerned that. In an emergency the police would take charge, set up road blocks, and order an evacua-"could be advised to shelter and take other simple protec-tive measures", such as "go indoors, close all outside As staff left or retired the network of informal working relationships and friendships doors and windows. switch off any ventilation fans and keep domestic pets indoors". Lo-cals will be told to tune in to broadcasts. leave farm ani-mals, and warned. "Do not know what the private sector ethos will be." He pointed out harvest fruit and vegetables from the garden until further that the nuclear inspectorate (NII) exists to prevent nuclear

> Are officials happy with evacuation only for those up to 3.5km downwind?

if contaminated. treated in a small room — "used for stor-ing wheelchairs at present" to the right of the accident denartment. Evacuees are to be registered and screened at "rest centres" by Somerset Scientific Services and. if contaminated, separated into a "dirty area" for showering.

Their clothing is removed for decontamination. The emergency response may be scaled up depending on the size of the disaster. But despite this flexibility and the the South Texas Nuclear Plant, company personnel responded quickly. Standing with the inspector on the high reactor wall, they meticulous planning, there offered him a choice: "We'l

are question marks. At Hinkley it has been asthrow you off and you can pick the side." sumed that the worst case will require evacuation of people up to 3.5km downwind. Yet en-vironmental monitoring of nuclear power for profit. Be fore Britain sells its nuclear other issues assumes a much wider area. Water supplies plants into private hands, it would be wise to look at exwould be monitored over 40 perience here in America, km, the same distance for where we have long mixed restrictions on locally-pro-duced milk and food.

plutonium with profit. Safety costs money. What will a profit-motivated Mr Davies said the 3.5km zone is based on an agreement owner do to reduce safety spending? Back to South Texas: with the help of tiny between the industry and the nuclear inspectorate on the most "credible accident". The espionage cameras fitted council has no say in this Into the ceiling of the work-

Britons beware — profit and plutonium don't mix

HEN the inspector flagged a quality control problem at for more "opportunities" in Britain. Is Britain prepared for profits-first nuclear operators? The following is a checklist of safety measures

that the US government has been forced to adopt in an uphill battle to contain the cost-cutting impulses of nuclear entrepreneurs: A nuclear police force.
 Britain's Nuclear Inspector ate has a staff of 265 to watch 41 reactors. The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission has a staff of more than 3,000 to monitor 109 reactors. Although Americans bate government. we demand this for good reason. Of nuclear executives found liable for fraud,

judge Peter Cohalan said: "They lie as they breathe."

board in 1995 and is looking |
 Nuclear trials. In the US. we now hold long inquiries before a plant may operate. On the Shoreham nuclear inquiry, which run to 20 million pages of testimony and evidence over 10 years. the state-government team uncovered phoney safety reports, cracked generator hafts and more. It prevented a dangerous plant operating, but only after fierce courtroom combat prised damning documents from reluctant executives. An evacuation plan. Since the Three Mile Island partial meltdown in 1979, no US plant can operate without a publicly analysed and tested plan to evacuate 10 miles downwind of an accident. Even at 10 miles, 35 per cent of the population would receive a dose of 200

rams, which can kill. Brit-

metre evacuation, though some plants, such as Hink-

ley Point near Bristol, gen-

erously plan escape for

ain requires only a one kilo-

rifying idea. And Britain has enjoyed a good safety record. But last year the dangers of nuclear power came under the spotlight as the industry geared up for this summer's intended £2.5 billion privatisation.

First came a £383,000 fine for Nuclear Electric over an emergency at its Wylfa reactor. Then came a stark warning from Captain Richard Killick, a former director of safery and quality at Scot-tish Nuclear, that privatisation posed risks. Last Werlnesday MPs weighed in with the trade and industry committee report on nuclear privatisation. It accepts that a well-managed

company is likely to be both safe and profitable, but MPs called for two specific mea-

sures to monitor safety in

arrangements the obvious one: no accidents in the first place. Any disrup-tion to Hinkley personnel and safety procedures sets their larm bells ringing. Yet disruption is a possibilalarm b ity. Hinkley Point has both a Magnox and an AGR reactor on the same site The AGRs are heading for the private sector while the elderly Mag-

formed to the use of niortuaries noxes stay in state hands. So Hinkley is now being The manual lays down who alerts the police and the pubsplit, with staff allocated to lic, monitors the environeither British Energy or Magment, controls access to the nox Electric. New contractual area, and restricts food distribution from the region. It is, in arrangements are being made effect. a series of judgments between station staff who used to work together. With only four months to go to the sellabout the likely scale and se-verity of a disaster. It notes. off, the separation is still in-complete. Mr Deal said his for instance, that the radio-activity would be emitted as a

choosing output over safety. Yes and no And the Government stresses repeatedly that nuclear in-

spections will remain as tough notice." Evacuation is not as ever. But Somerset is ready for a rehearsed because, as Mr Davies frankly admitted, the result would be "bloody nuclear emergency. Its manual for coping with one is exchaos". It is, as a result, hard tensive. Its dry officialese juxto predict how quickly the taposes the mundane with the police could move the 800 lochilling, covering everything from keeping Whitehall incals in the immediate vicinity But whether rehearsal would yield firm lessons is doubtful, he said.

To keep them going while the problem is assessed, the local population have been supplied with potassium iodate tablets which are sup-posed to prevent the thyroid gland accumulating radioactive iodine released into the environment.

Casualties would be evacuated to the local hospital and.

Given that US reactors assume 10- and 50-mile zones are needed for direct exposure to radioactive plumes and ingestion of radioactivity respectively - are Somerset's officials happy that 3.5km is enough? "Yes and no," said Mr Deal."They must have proved their point for it to be agreed. If it proves otherwise, they will have to answer for it afterwards." Both officials share the industry's philosophy that the

best solution is to avoid a disaster in the first place. But faced with a reactor on the verge of melidown, the advice is simple. By all means swallow the tablets but, above all, get moving, "You cannot beat getting people out of the way." said Mr Russell.

tors hunted for workers suspected of leaking information to government inspectors about the plant's safety problems. Once dis-covered, the "disloyal" faced summary dismissal: John Rex, for blowing the whistle on forged safety inspection documents; Thomas Saporito, for expos ing security violations; Ron Goldstein, for flagging faked welding records. Why should Britain care if nuclear plant owners in

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faraway Texas intimidate their workers? Because the joint owners of the Texan plant are not so far away. One. Houston Industries, bid for Norweb Electricity; another, Central and South West Corp, purchased See-

ers' locker room, the opera- Whistleblower protection tion. The story of workers terrorised in Texas had a happy ending: Saporito, Res and Goldstein all won litigation against their bosses under US whistleblower protection laws far tougher than the one still bottled up in Parliament.

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 No secrets. When the attorney Robert Eye received a box of documents stolen from private files at the Wolf Creek puclear plant in Kansas, the plant's corporate owners cried: "Theft! Commercial secrets!" But the courts ruled that Mr Eye could keep, even publish, the papers. In the US, every nuclear building plan and working file now b longs to the public, a right denied in Britain.

those within 3.5km. Even Brezhnev planned a 30km evacuation zone around Chernobyl. Accident liability. The British government pro-poses to limit a private wner's accident liability to £140 million — versus £5 billion in the States. Were the American utility titan Duke Power to buy

Britain's reactors and then suffer an accident. a £140 million payment would not cause the company to skip one dividend. Greg Palast is a US expert in regulated utilities,

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Not so wise counsel **TheGuardian** Weekly sional" is seen as "denial". Moreover, a parental exhor-| ment consultants are an extation to "pull yourself together" is viewed as tan-Subscribe to amount to child abuse. a more interesting Over the past decade, counselling has grown from a cottage industry consistpoint of view ing of Marjorie Proops and with Britain's best international news weekly Claire Rayner into a state-sponsored conglomerate. Even MI5 now has its own International and British news, comment and features compiled in a weekly newspaper format with the authority and style for which The Guardian is famous. Speedily delivered to subscribers in all corners of the world from print centres in all the major continents. Larry Elliott stress counsellor. Listen carefully the next time detalls of a serious road crash The Guardian Weekly or nasty murder come on the radio. In suitably rever-UCH, we are told, is O the trauma caused by the news that Take Subscription Rates 6 months 1 year ential terms, you will be told that trained counsel-£47.00 United Kingdom \$24.00 That are to solit up that \$52.00 Europe (inc. Eire).... \$26 50 specially-trained counsel-lors are manning botlines to lors are on hand. USA, Canada F28.00 £55.00 By whom are these coun-sellors trained? What are 260.00 Rest of the World £30 50 prevent distraught teenagers from taking their to: The Guardian Weekly, 164 Deansgate, Manchester M60 2RR

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their qualifications? And what was wrong with the Counsellors? For fans of a old system, where individpop group? Apparently it's true. Whereas teenagers in uals dealt with grief themselves or through a network 1970 managed to cope with of family or friends? the break-up of the Beatles, and there was no surge in Interestingly, counselling fulfils the same func-

teenybop self-harm after tion at a personal level as the Bay City Rollers' demanagement consultancy does at the business level: mise, no part of society is now immune from counselputting a buffer between a problem and a solution. Inling, the growth industry of deed. there is a cross-This phenomenon is evover between the two, with

traordinary, not least befirms now appointing coun-sellors for staff faced with cause a government that "distressed" customers. Few are prepared to de-

nounce counselling as institutionalised busy-bodying - and it is a brave executive who will say that manage-

pensive way of stating the blindingly obvious. The riposte to this is that the introduction of consultants has led to a quantum leap in management stan-dards. But what has this socalled revolution actually amounted to apart from a blizzard of P45s and a strangulated form of English? Managers who know their own businesses do not need to be told to "prioritise". even if such a verb exists. As far as the outsider can detect, the introduction at the BBC of profit centres. weekend training sessions and anger management courses has had no impact on the quality of programmes. And where were

all the super-fit, mineral water drinking crowd when Ford airbrushed black faces ont of one of its posters? An old-style 40-a-day personnel officer fresh from a boozy lunch would have spotted that one. The one piece of good news is that at last a reaction is setting in. During the Granada hid for Forte, a list

was drawn up of the two sides' respective advisers. Forte was aided, if that's the right word, by manage ment consultants. Granada had none. The company's boss. Gerry Robinson. says they are a "bloody waste of time". Take that.

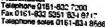
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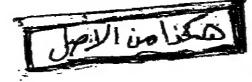


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